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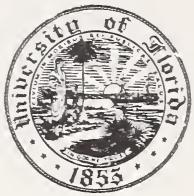

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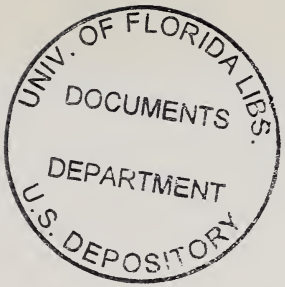

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Biography

JOHN CARL KLUCZYNSKI was born in Chicago, Cook County, Ill., February 15, 1896; attended the public and parochial schools; during the First World War served overseas as a corporal with the Eighth Field Artillery in 1918 and 1919; engaged in the catering business in Chicago, Ill., since 1920; member of the State house of representatives 1933–48; elected to the State senate in 1948 and served until December 1949, having become a candidate for Congress; elected as a Democrat to the 82d and to the 12 succeeding Congresses, and served from January 3, 1951, until his death January 26, 1975, in Chicago, Ill.; interment in Resurrection Mausoleum, Justice, Ill.

MEMORIAL SERVICES
FOR
JOHN C. KLUCZYNSKI

Proceedings in the House

MONDAY, *January 27, 1975.*

The House met at 12 o'clock noon.

The Chaplain, Rev. Edward G. Latch, offered the following prayer:

He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.—Psalms 23:4.

Almighty God our Father, who hast made us for Thyself so that our hearts are restless until they find rest in Thee, lead us we pray Thee, from the persistent pressures of pursuing problems into the green pastures and beside the still waters of prayer and meditation.

Give to us quiet confidence for the facing of these hours, intrepid courage for the living of these days and creative faith for the tasks that confront us. Chosen to lead our people in these critical times, make us instruments of Thy will for the healing of our Nation and our world.

"Sit our feet on lofty places;
Gird our lives that they may be armored with all God-like graces,
In the fight to set men free,
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage that we fail not man nor Thee!"

Bless the family of our beloved colleague, JOHN C. KLUCZYNSKI, who has gone home to be with Thee. Comfort them with Thy presence and give them strength for the days ahead.

In the spirit of Christ we pray. Amen.

Mr. PRICE. Mr. Speaker, it is my very sad duty to announce to the House the passing early this morning, in Chicago, Ill., of our beloved friend, the Honorable JOHN C. KLUCZYNSKI.

All of us have known JOHN for many years. He has been a great legislator. He has been a good friend to every Member of the House.

I will not take the time of the House at this moment, but later in the week I will ask for time so that the Members may have the opportunity to pay tribute.

Mr. RHODES. Mr. Speaker, I wish to express my deep sorrow at the passing of our colleague JOHN C. KLUCZYNSKI.

He was a very dear personal friend of mine, and in fact during the course of my first term he was my neighbor here.

Mr. Speaker, I note the passing of this great Member of the House with deep sadness. I extend my condolences and my sympathy to the members of his family.

Mr. YATES. Mr. Speaker, I, too, was shocked to learn of the passing of our good friend, the gentleman from Illinois, JOHN KLUCZYNSKI, this morning.

JOHN came to the Congress shortly after I did, and our friendship has been a very close and personal one. We traveled together frequently between Chicago and the Capital, and we had a great deal in common in the representation of the people in our districts.

Mr. Speaker, JOHN was a fine leader and a great representative of the people of his district. He knew their problems, he stayed in close communication with them, they respected him, and they loved him.

JOHN was jovial and friendly. He was always cheerful. I never saw him angry at anyone. People liked to be with him. He brought sunshine wherever he went.

There is a great void now in our delegation. JOHN will be missed very much.

Mrs. Yates and I extend our deepest sympathy to his family.

Mr. BRADEMAS. Mr. Speaker, I, too, would like to pay my respects briefly to our beloved colleague, the gentleman from Illinois, JOHN KLUCZYNSKI.

JOHN KLUCZYNSKI was not only a hard working legislator, he was a man of unfailing good humor. I remember how, whenever we would meet, he and I used to exchange greetings in the Polish language because he knew that many of my constituents were of Polish origin. JOHN always used to turn to colleagues and say by way of explanation of our exchange, "We Polish people have to stick together."

Mr. Speaker, I am going to miss JOHN KLUCZYNSKI very much. I know that all of us will.

Mr. JAMES V. STANTON. Mr. Speaker, I, too, would like to express my condolences on the departure of the gentleman from

Illinois, JOHN KLUCZYNSKI, who exhibited such great humor, great love, and a great deal of understanding.

He served as my chairman on the Subcommittee on Transportation of the Committee on Public Works, and he assisted me in my campaign for reelection on two occasions.

More than that, JOHN was an honest, thoughtful, and considerate man; he was a man who had great devotion to his family and to his friends. I think the greatest tribute anyone could pay to the gentleman from Illinois, JOHN KLUCZYNSKI, would be to point out his loyalty to his friends, which was a hallmark of the way he lived throughout his life.

Mr. Speaker, I know that this House is going to miss him greatly, and hopefully the Kluczynski family and all of the Members will have an opportunity to express themselves, as indicated by the previous request made by the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. Price).

Mr. BURKE of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I wish to associate myself with the remarks made by my colleagues here today on the passing of the gentleman from Illinois, JOHN KLUCZYNSKI.

JOHN KLUCZYNSKI and I served in the Congress together for the past 16 years. He preceded me. When I came here as a freshman, his office was adjacent to mine, and since I was coming here as a freshman and since I was rather green, I leaned on JOHN quite heavily for advice and counsel. I always found him to be a warm and close friend.

He was a dedicated and a devoted Congressman. He represented the people of Chicago and, yes, the people of this Nation in a great manner. He is going to be missed around here.

JOHN KLUCZYNSKI and I also served together on the Subcommittee on the House Restaurant, and we had many interesting conversations about the problems there.

Mr. Speaker, my prayers and condolences go out to his wife and his family. May he rest in peace.

Mr. PRICE. Mr. Speaker, I am shocked and grieved, as are so many of my colleagues, at the untimely death of our beloved and distinguished colleague, JOHN KLUCYZNSKI. Even though he had been in ill health for months, we could not bring ourselves to the thought that he might suddenly and without warning be taken from us. Now,

he is gone and his passing leaves a great void in the House. He was truly a respected and able Member.

JOHN KLUCZYNSKI's biographical sketch in the Congressional Directory is one of the briefest among all those printed. It states that he was elected to the Illinois State Legislature in 1932; he served 16 consecutive years; he was elected in 1948 to the Illinois State Senate; was elected to the 82d Congress in 1950, and reelected to each succeeding Congress.

This gives only a hint of the solidarity and dependability and capability of JOHN KLUCZYNSKI. To learn the true facts about him, it was necessary to know him, to know of his friendliness, his uniform courtesy and his respected accomplishments in the House of Representatives. He was a good man for Congress, a strong leader in Congress, and a gifted legislator for the Nation.

America needs men like JOHN KLUCZYNSKI and those who knew him and served with him realized this best of all. We will miss him and his good works. Those of us who served with him are enriched by our memories of him and our friendship with him.

Mr. HALL. Mr. Speaker, I join with my colleagues in paying tribute to the memory of the late Congressman JOHN KLUCZYNSKI, of Illinois' Fifth District.

I have had the great honor of serving in this distinguished body for less than 1 month whereas Congressman KLUCZYNSKI ably represented his constituency for more than 24 years. I did not have the opportunity during this 1 short month to come to know Congressman KLUCZYNSKI as well as those who have served with him over the years. However, I have followed his distinguished career for some time. As the ranking member of the Public Works Committee, Congressman KLUCZYNSKI was a leading expert in public transportation and provided invaluable service to the Nation in this area. Congressman KLUCZYNSKI was a prime mover during the 1950's when construction of our network of interstate highways began.

Talking with other members of the Illinois delegation who have served with Congressman KLUCZYNSKI, I realize how greatly they valued his friendship and his dedication to public service.

Mrs. Hall and I offer our deepest sympathy to his wife, Estelle, to his brother, Thomas, who now sits on the Illinois Supreme Court and to the other members of the Kluczynski family.

Mr. EVINS of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, certainly I want to join with Members of the Illinois delegation and others in paying a brief but sincere tribute to the memory of our beloved colleague who passed away today—Congressman JOHN C. KLUCZYNSKI, of Chicago, Ill.

JOHN KLUCZYNSKI—"KLU," as his friends affectionately called him—was a warm, genial, friendly person, and the news of his passing was shocking and distressing—he was a good friend as we served together on the House Small Business Committee for a number of years.

He will be recorded in history as one of the leaders in the development of an interstate transportation system—the Interstate Highway System—which has not only brought this Nation closer together but has resulted in the saving of many lives because of the excellence of the engineering on these limited access highways.

JOHN was chairman of the Transportation Subcommittee of the Committee on Public Works, and in this capacity was a leader in developing the Nation's Federal highway system.

He was also chairman of the Subcommittee on Metropolitan and Rural Areas of the House Small Business Committee and, although from a major metropolitan area, demonstrated an understanding and concern for the problems of the smaller cities and rural areas as well as for those of the major urban areas.

JOHN KLUCZYNSKI served his district, State, and Nation faithfully and well—he had served 24 years in the Congress and had just been reelected to his 13th term last November.

He was popular and able, and a skilled legislator whose contributions greatly enriched the legislative history of the House.

JOHN KLUCZYNSKI was a distinguished member of the Committee on Small Business where we worked together. He was also my next-door neighbor with adjacent offices in the Rayburn Building, and my friend.

JOHN KLUCZYNSKI will be greatly missed—his passing leaves a void that will be difficult to fill. I extend to Mrs. Kluczynski and other members of his family the deepest and most sincere expression of my deepest sympathy. Mrs. Evins joins me in these sentiments.

Mr. PRICE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may extend their remarks on the life and character and public service of the late Honorable JOHN C. KLUCZYNSKI.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Illinois?

There was no objection.

Mr. PRICE. Mr. Speaker, I offer a resolution.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

HOUSE RESOLUTION 97

Resolved, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of the Honorable JOHN C. KLUCZYNSKI, a Representative from the State of Illinois.

Resolved, That a committee of 65 Members of the House, with such Members of the Senate as may be joined, be appointed to attend the funeral.

Resolved, That the Sergeant at Arms of the House be authorized and directed to take such steps as may be necessary for carrying out the provisions of these resolutions and that the necessary expenses in connection therewith be paid out of the contingent fund of the House.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

The resolutions were agreed to.

The SPEAKER. The Chair desires to state that the Chair will announce tomorrow the names of members of the Funeral Committee on the part of the House.

The Clerk will report the remaining resolution.

The Clerk read as follows:

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect the House do now adjourn.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER. Accordingly, the House stands adjourned until 12 o'clock noon tomorrow.

Thereupon (at 12 o'clock and 15 minutes p.m.), pursuant to House Resolution 97, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, January 28, 1975, at 12 o'clock noon.

TUESDAY, *January 28, 1975.*

The SPEAKER. The Chair appoints as members of the funeral committee to attend the funeral of our colleague, the late Honorable JOHN C. KLUCZYNSKI from Illinois, the following Members on the part of the House:

Mr. Price, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Michel, Mr. Derwinski, Mr. Rostenkowski, Mr. Shipley, Mr. Anderson of Illinois, Mr. Findley.

Mr. McClory, Mr. Yates, Mr. Annunzio, Mr. Erlenborn, Mr. Railsback, Mr. Crane, Mr. Metcalfe, Mr. Murphy of Illinois.

Mr. Madigan, Mr. O'Brien, Mrs. Collins of Illinois, Mr. Mikva, Mr. Hall, Mr. Hyde, Mr. Russo, Mr. Simon.

Mr. Evins of Tennessee, Mr. Jones of Alabama, Mr. Wright, Mr. Dingell, Mr. Broomfield, Mr. Conte, Mr. Johnson of California, Mr. Gonzalez.

Mr. McDade, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Rooney, Mr. Hungate, Mr. Carter, Mr. Howard, Mr. J. William Stanton, Mr. Snyder.

Mr. Fish, Mr. Yatron, Mr. Roe, Mr. Roncalio, Mr. McCollister, Mr. James V. Stanton, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Baldus.

Mr. Bedell, Mr. Derrick, Mr. Evans of Indiana, Mrs. Fenwick, Mr. Goodling, Mr. Krebs, Mr. LaFalce, Mr. Nolan, Mr. Richmond.

Mr. WON PAT. Mr. Speaker, it is with a sense of sadness and loss that I join my colleagues in paying tribute to our departed and good friend, JOHN KLUCZYNSKI.

For more than 40 years, JOHN KLUCZYNSKI served as a spokesman for his constituents, first in the Illinois State Legislature, then the U.S. House of Representatives for the past 24 years. He has served them well, with responsibility, efficiency, and dedication. In return they gave him their trust and confidence. And this is the final and most lasting tribute any man can receive.

JOHN KLUCZYNSKI's presence has been part and parcel of this body; his absence will leave us a little less. I join with my colleagues in expressing condolences and sympathy to his wife, family, friends, and constituents.

Mr. ADDABBO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to join my colleagues on this sad occasion as we pay tribute to our late friend and co-worker in the House, the Honorable JOHN C. KLUCZYNSKI. "KLU" as he was affectionately known, was not only one of our most popular Members, but he was a dedicated man whose record of service spans more than 24 years in the House of Representatives.

His passing is mourned here today in the Nation's Capital just as others who knew his record express their grief in Illinois and other States around our country. His record of achievement includes landmark legislation dealing with our Interstate Highway System and aid

to small business. As chairman of the Transportation Subcommittee of the House Committee on Public Works he compiled an outstanding record and helped shape our Federal highway programs. It was my privilege to work with JOHN on small business matters before the House Small Business Committee and to experience firsthand his ability to work with other Members to develop progressive legislation.

JOHN enjoyed a full life and he was a happy individual who appreciated life. His passing leaves a void in our Chamber and we will miss his good natured approach to our responsibilities as legislators.

I extend my personal sympathies to his wife and the other members of the Kluczynski family.

Mr. SIMON. Mr. Speaker, I want to belatedly join my colleagues who have put in their words of praise in honor of the late Congressman JOHN KLUCZYNSKI, who was the friend of every Member of this body. Perhaps Congressman Dan Rostenkowski summarized it best when he referred to our late colleague as "a warm human being." No one came to his committee without going away feeling that he or she had been fairly treated by JOHN KLUCZYNSKI. I got to know him approximately 20 years ago when I served in the Illinois General Assembly, a body he had left to serve in Congress. I used to joke with him, that I wanted his white hair so I would look more like a public official. When the voters of Illinois elected me Lieutenant Governor, I asked JOHN's brother, Justice Thomas Kluczynski, to administer my oath of office. The crowd which attended the Congressman's wake and funeral mass testified more eloquently than anything I can say about the high esteem people who knew him had for JOHNNY KLU. All of us have been enriched by the opportunity to know him.

Mr. MAZZOLI. Mr. Speaker, I would like to add my voice to those of my colleagues who paid tribute to JOHN KLUCZYNSKI.

"Mr. KLU," as I called him, was a dedicated Member of the House for nearly a quarter century. And, he brought to this Chamber nearly two decades of experience in the Illinois State Legislature.

JOHN KLUCZYNSKI's pleasant manner and hard work shall be sorely missed by this body.

I join my colleagues in offering sympathy to his wife, his family, and his many friends.

Mr. ROSTENKOWSKI. Mr. Speaker, I have today introduced legislation which would name the recently completed Federal building at 230 Dearborn Street in Chicago after the late Honorable JOHN C. KLUCZYNSKI.

I was joined in the introduction of this bill not only by Robert Jones, chairman of the House Public Works and Transportation Committee and William Harsha, ranking minority member of that committee, but I am pleased to say by all of the following Members of my own Illinois congressional delegation: Mr. Annunzio, Mrs. Collins of Illinois, Mr. Crane, Mr. Derwinski, Mr. Findley, Mr. Hall, Mr. Hyde, Mr. McClory, Mr. Madigan, Mr. Metcalfe, Mr. Michel, Mr. Mikva, Mr. Murphy of Illinois, Mr. O'Brien, Mr. Price, Mr. Railsback, Mr. Russo, Mr. Shipley, Mr. Simon, and Mr. Yates.

I am confident that with support of this magnitude, we will be able to quickly enact this well-deserved legislation.

As you know, our good friend and colleague, JOHN C. KLUCZYNSKI served on the House Public Works Committee for 24 years. He rose to become chairman of the Transportation Subcommittee and in that post oversaw the construction of most of the Interstate Highway System.

I can think of no more fitting tribute to a man who spent his entire congressional life building for a better America.

For the information of my colleagues, I am inserting the text of my legislation:

H.R. 4241

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Federal office building at 230 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois, shall hereafter be known and designated as the "John C. Kluczynski Federal Building". Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, record, or other paper of the United States to such building shall be held to be a reference to the John C. Kluczynski Federal Building.

Mr. ROSTENKOWSKI. Mr. Speaker, 1 month ago, I, together with the majority leader and the chairman of the Public Works and Transportation Committee, was present in Chicago at the funeral of JOHN C. KLUCZYNSKI.

Many other Members, most of whom are present here today, were also in Chicago representing the Congress. I was pleased that some of my colleagues who knew KLU had the opportunity to see where he lived and worked.

Since his passing, countless colleagues have related to me their own personal reminiscences of their relationships with KLU, and I have become increasingly aware of the respect and admiration in which this man was held.

I am pleased to be joined by so many of my colleagues today to pay tribute to JOHNNY KLU. I am impressed, but I do not know if KLU would be. He was philosophical about life and death.

The trappings of Congress, which so often affect so many of us, never seemed to have touched KLU. Although he reached the heights of greatness, he was basically a very simple man. For 24 years, his warmth touched everyone in this Chamber. It is a drearier place without him.

JOHN C. KLUCZYNSKI was an outstanding legislator; a facet of his accomplishments to which I am sure many of you will speak this afternoon. Through his Public Works Committee, he was able to touch the lives of all Americans.

His life was a shining example of the spirit of this great country. Born a butcher's son on the southwest side of Chicago, he served his country in Europe during World War I and afterward, returned to Chicago's southwest side to run a restaurant and catering service. His public life began in 1922 when he was elected to the first of eight exemplary terms in the Illinois General Assembly. Although elected to the Illinois State Senate in 1948, KLU resigned his seat in 1949 to seek election to the U.S. Congress from the Fifth District of Illinois. KLU served for 24 years on the Public Works Committee, the last 10 years of which he spent as the powerful chairman of the Transportation Subcommittee.

In that post, he watched over and directed the construction of most of the Interstate Highway System.

JOHNNY KLU was also a member of the House Select Committee on Small Business. He was chairman of the Small Business Problems in Smaller Towns and Urban Areas Subcommittee of the newly established Small Business Committee. He also chaired the House Restaurant Committee.

I am here because JOHNNY KLU was my friend. If he had not been a Member of Congress, I would probably be doing this same thing somewhere else.

As his friend, I am this afternoon introducing, together with the chairman and ranking minority member of the Public Works and

Transportation Committee, and practically the entire Illinois Congressional Delegation, legislation to designate the Federal Office Building at 230 South Dearborn Street in Chicago as the "John C. Kluczynski Federal Building."

It seems such a little thing to do for a man who had so much to do with Federal construction in this country. The fact that this Federal building happens to be located in the heart of downtown Chicago would particularly impress JOHNNY KLU, for it was Chicago that he loved and never really left.

At this point in the Record, I insert two newspaper accounts of the life and work of my dear friend, JOHN C. KLUCZYNSKI:

REP. KLUCZYNSKI DEAD AT 78

U.S. Rep. JOHN C. KLUCZYNSKI, a Chicago butcher's son who rose to become chairman of the House Public Works subcommittee on transportation, died late Sunday of heart failure in his Southwest Side home. He was 78.

Rep. KLUCZYNSKI, a Democrat, served 24 years in the House, and was dean of the Chicago congressional delegation. As chairman of the transportation subcommittee, formerly roads subcommittee, he watched over the construction of most of the Interstate Highway System, and in 1973 was a key figure in breaking loose expressway money for urban mass transit projects.

His position in the House gave him enormous power over public works spending which he used consistently in support of the Crosstown Expressway and to bring over $1 billion to Chicago's Calumet Harbor reconstruction. But he was often a hidden presence, boasting, "I never introduced a bill I didn't know would pass."

Rep. KLUCZYNSKI died during a regular weekend visit to his home. The House adjourned early Monday out of respect to his memory.

Mayor Daley, a longtime friend and constituent, said, "Our nation has lost an outstanding congressman. Our city has lost a great Polish-American leader and I have lost a very dear friend."

Daley said in a statement issued at City Hall that the Congressman exemplified "the best in American citizenship * * * who contributed his time and effort for the betterment of the lives of the people of our neighborhoods, for Chicago and for our country."

Rep. KLUCZYNSKI's wake will begin at 6 p.m. Tuesday in the Fortuna Bros. Funeral Home, 4401 South Kedzie. Services will be held Thursday morning at St. Pancratius Church, 4025 S. Sacramento, and burial in Resurrection Cemetery. Exact times had not been arranged.

In addition to the Public Works Committee, Rep. KLUCZYNSKI was a member of the Select House Committee on Small Business and the Select Committee to run the House Restaurant, an assignment he relished from his days as operator of the old Syrena Restaurant in Chicago.

Rep. Kluczynski was born above his fathers butchershop in 1896. He served with the 8th Field Artillery in Europe during World War I and returned to the Southwest Side to run a restaurant and catering service.

He got his start in politics by bringing Chicago Poles into the Democratic Party. His office was a tavern he then owned at 50th and Hermitage.

In 1924, he made his first run for public office, a seat in the Illinois House of Representatives, and lost. In 1932, he was elected to the first of eight terms in the State House. In 1948, he was elected to the State Senate, but resigned when he won his first election to the U.S. House in 1950.

Rep. Kluczynski was long a protector of the Interstate Highway trust fund, burying in his committee all bills to siphon off its highway taxes. Under pressure from Daley and the Chicago delegation, however, he dropped his opposition in February 1973, and the legislation to "break" the trust fund for use on mass transit passed soon after.

Rep. Kluczynski is survived by his widow Stephanie Estelle, and two brothers, Illinois Supreme Court Justice Thomas E. Kluczynski, and Joseph Kluczynski, who works for the Cook County Board of Election Commissioners.

Lawmaker Kluczynski Dies at 78

Rep. John C. Kluczynski (D-Ill.), who had represented the Southwest Side in Congress since 1950, died Sunday in his home here. He was 78.

Mr. Kluczynski, one of the most powerful members of the Illinois congressional delegation, died of what aides said was apparently a massive heart attack.

Mr. Kluczynski had not been ill and had made his usual weekend flight to Chicago from Washington Friday, aides said. However, he was stricken with a high fever Saturday, they said.

Mr. Kluczynski was a brother of Illinois Supreme Court Justice Thomas E. Kluczynski.

Mr. Kluczynski was chairman of the Transportation Subcommittee of the House Public Works Committee and, in that post, exerted considerable influence over highway and mass transit legislation. The subcommittee was formerly called the public roads subcommittee.

Mr. Kluczynski was proud of what he had done for Chicago. He used his subcommittee chairmanship to obtain funds for the Chicago-area expressway system.

He was a close friend of Mayor Richard J. Daley, who said: "Our Nation has lost an outstanding Congressman. Our city has lost a great Polish-American leader. And I have lost a very dear friend."

Mr. Kluczynski was elected to his 13th 2-year term in the House last November and was not expected to seek office again.

One of the mayor's sons, state Sen. Richard M. Daley (D-Chicago), a Loop attorney, has repeatedly been mentioned as a possible successor, according to political sources.

Gov. Dan Walker must set a date for a special election.

The House adjourned Monday out of respect to Mr. KLUCZYNSKI after authorizing creation of a special committee to attend funeral services. House Speaker Carl Albert said the members of the funeral delegation will be named Tuesday.

Albert praised Mr. KLUCZYNSKI as "one of the most popular men in the House, always in good humor, respected by everybody."

Several other Members, led by Rep. Melvin Price, Democratic dean of the Illinois delegation, joined in the tributes to Mr. KLUCZYNSKI.

He also wielded power to win money for dredging the Calumet River and for major improvements in the St. Lawrence Seaway, which had been helpful to Chicago's economy.

He and members of his family operated the Syrena Restaurant at 4276 S. Archer for many years. The restaurant closed a few years ago.

Mr. KLUCZYNSKI was a member of the House Select Committee on Small Business. He was also a member of the House Subcommittee on Public Works and Grounds and was second ranking member of the full House Public Works Committee.

Edward Pinzak, the Congressman's administrative assistant, said Mr. KLUCZYNSKI came down with "a high fever" on Saturday and the fever continued Sunday.

"We got some medication for him. He refused any doctor's help," Pinzak said. "He was afraid that if we called a doctor he would put him in the hospital."

Mr. KLUCZYNSKI died about 10:30 p.m. Sunday. He got out of bed to get a drink of water and collapsed in his bedroom, Pinzak said.

"The doctor said that he had apparently suffered a massive heart attack," Pinzak said.

The Congressman would have been 79 on February 15.

He was first elected as a State representative in 1932 and re-elected seven consecutive times, serving 16 years. In 1948, he was elected to the Illinois Senate for a 4-year term, but resigned in December 1949, to run for Congress.

He was elected to the 82d Congress in November 1950, and had been re-elected every 2 years since then.

Mr. KLUCZYNSKI first ran for office as a Democrat in 1924, but was defeated. His first successful campaign came 8 years later when he was elected to the Legislature.

He was born and raised in the 5th Congressional District that he represented.

He is survived by his second wife, Estelle, who was present when he suffered his fatal attack. His first wife, Mary, died after only 1½ years of marriage.

Other survivors include another brother, Joseph, an employe of the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners. The Congressman and his wife had no children.

Funeral arrangements were pending at the Fortuna Funeral Home, 4401 S. Kedzie.

Mr. JONES of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, this House and the people of America whom he served so well and for so long have suffered a loss beyond measure in the passing of our good friend, Congressman JOHN KLUCZYNSKI.

From the day he entered the Illinois House of Representatives in 1932 until his untimely death on January 26 of this year, "Mr. KLU" devoted himself unsparingly to the service of his people and the building of his country.

This great gentleman from Chicago served in this body for 24 years, and each of us who shared his company has been enriched by the depth and the warmth of his friendship.

Through all those years, I was privileged to have JOHN at my side on the Committee on Public Works, and I have never ceased to marvel at his unfailing good humor, the wisdom of his counsel, and the determination and understanding he brought to his legislative service.

JOHN KLUCZYNSKI's contributions to his native city of Chicago, to his State, and to his country were many and great—far too many and great—far too many to recite in this time and place. But one in particular stands out: first as a member and then as chairman of our Subcommittee on Roads—later to become the Subcommittee on Transportation—he was the driving force behind one of the greatest public works in the entire history of man—the construction of the Interstate Highway System which today links the cities and towns of America.

JOHN was not spared to see the completion of that system, but thanks to his untiring efforts it will be completed in the not far distant future. And it will stand as a monument to him.

Because of his exceptional contributions to the building of America, I have joined with all my colleagues on the House Public Works and Transportation Committee in sponsoring legislation to designate the Federal office building at 230 South Dearborn Street in Chicago, Illinois, as the "John C. Kluczynski Federal Building."

To the Members of this body, young or old, he was always "Mr. KLU" or "JOHNNY KLU," the smiling gentleman with the big cigar and the cheerful word. He was one of a kind. He was my friend and he will be long remembered.

Mr. O'NEILL. Mr. Speaker, I am very grateful to my colleague, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. Rostenkowski) for yielding and

for taking this time to honor our old pal "KLU." "KLU" was a great man among us. And now he is gone. I rise on this occasion to join my colleagues in paying a special tribute to "KLU", whose tragic and untimely passing has left an irreplaceable void in this House.

I know we were all saddened, we who were so deeply fond of him and so close to him for so many years. "KLU" was one of my closest and dearest friends. Possessed with a pugnacious spirit, keen political insight and a delightful sense of humor, "KLU" was one of the hardest working Members this Congress has ever had.

Many a night I spent with him in the favorite pastime of playing a little cards together, be it gin or poker, in which so many Members of the House participated in years gone by. "Big KLU," when he lost a pot at the end of an evening, would always laugh and say, "Send me more money, Mother, they can't bluff me." He had a delightful sense of humor. One of the greatest stories they tell about "KLU" was when he went down to the White House one day while Harry Truman was President, and Mr. Truman said, "KLU, how is everything in Chicago?"

And KLU said, "Just the same, Mr. President."

Mr. Truman said, "What do you mean?"

KLU said, "Well, the Polish get the votes and the Irish get the jobs."

At the Fortuna Funeral Home, in Chicago, Ill., on January 30, 1975, Danny Rostenkowski gave what I thought was one of the most deeply moving eulogies I had ever heard. It was absolutely beautiful.

Those of us who were his close friends in Congress had a smile on our faces as Dan delivered that funeral oration, because it said farewell to KLU in just the way he would have wanted.

Mr. Speaker, I include at this point the eulogy to which I make reference. I also include and commend to my colleagues the homily delivered by Rev. Peter Dunne:

EULOGY OF THE LATE HONORABLE JOHN C. KLUCZYNSKI DELIVERED BY CONGRESSMAN DAN ROSTENKOWSKI

Today, we gather, not to mourn a passing, but rather, to commemorate a life. For it is the life of the man that has linked us all * * * his passing is but the circumstance of our coming together.

It was a life that was full, was warm and touched each of us fortunate enough to come in contact with it.

In his life, JOHN KLUCZYNSKI was a leader * * * he was a builder * * * but, above all, he was a human being. His years in public life were characterized by achievement * * * but more importantly, they were characterized by a warmth and a sense of pride.

Yes, pride. JOHN KLUCZYNSKI was the proudest person I ever knew. He was proud of his humble beginnings.

While he was proud of his 25 years in Congress, and his 17 years in the State Legislature, he was equally as proud of his work as a youth in the stockyards near his home.

Though courted in Washington as an influential Legislator, he always remained a "back of the yards man" at heart.

As his friends assemble here this morning, it would be easy to trace the record of his accomplishments * * * it would be easy, but it would hardly capture the spirit of the man. Rather, I want to remember him for his warmth and his humor. For they accompanied him wherever he went.

His body chemistry was a true reflection of the man himself. I don't know how many times I heard him say, "give me anything for dessert * * * but make it fattening and sweet."

In fact, whenever you had a problem, if you sat down to eat with KLU * * * you didn't have the problem when you got up.

Even when Washington was beset with tension and uncertainties, JOHNNY KLU was always the one who could find the good in the darkest day.

In the later years, when time had made its mark on his physical stature, his mental alertness never dimmed. His walk might have slowed, but never his pace. And most certainly, his mind was keen, and his wit, as sharp as ever.

It was a well known fact that JOHN loved his cards. I see many of his favorite companions here today.

What JOHN took to the card table was not a love of gambling, but rather a love for the solid friendships that these games came to represent.

Through these games, KLU developed relationships with some of the most dominant men of our times. He associated not only with Speakers of the House, but with Presidents of the United States * * * but he never lost a sense of who he was.

Though during his years in Congress, he was strongly committed to the creation of many new national programs, he would never let his views conflict with what he believed to be the greater good of his community. He worked side by side with his constituent, and good friend, Mayor Daley, in developing programs that would aid Chicago and other cities. I know that during this work, there were many people who disagreed with JOHN KLUCZYNSKI on one project or another. But, to a man, they found him fair.

In fact, just yesterday, I spoke with a reporter who had long opposed many of JOHN's views on transportation. "Dan," he said, "While I disagreed strongly with him at times, I never met a nicer guy in public life."

In his private life, he was as devoted to his wife, Estelle, as Beverly, Eddie and Eleanor—and the rest of his staff—were devoted to him.

In a sense, JOHNNY KLU has always been close to heaven. In his 25 years in Congress, he must have spent several weeks in the air between Washington

and Chicago. I joined him on that trip countless times—much to my dismay. For, when KLU was on a plane, it was impossible for anyone else to get service. His many friends on the airlines were so devoted to him, and took such great care of him, that he virtually had the entire plane to himself.

And who will ever forget his inevitable response to the question, "Hey, KLU, When are you going to get in shape?"

"Get in shape?"

"I am in shape," he would retort. * * *

"In fact, I've hired four guys who are right now jogging around the block for me."

This was JOHN KLUCZYNSKI.

Many of you in this church today, have seen for the first time, the place that JOHNNY KLU called home.

As you know, JOHN returned here every weekend—a hectic pace that burnt out some men only half his age. But, until the end, he kept his weekly commitment to his community and to its people.

Thus, as we come here together—and it is impressive to note all of those who have come—it is fitting that we gather in this—his neighborhood.

Twenty-five years in Washington did nothing to change his perspective. JOHNNY KLU was never one who forgot his roots. As was once said of Abraham Lincoln, "He knew from whence he came—but more importantly, he never forgot it."

Lincoln himself captured much of the same sentiment when he said, "I like to see a man proud of the place in which he lives * * * I like to see a man live in it so his place will be proud of him." JOHNNY KLU * * * all of us in Chicago are proud of you. All of us shall miss you.

May God speed you to your eternal rest.

HOMILY DELIVERED ON THE OCCASION OF THE FUNERAL OF REPRESENTATIVE JOHN KLUCZYNSKI, BY REV. PETER F. DUNNE

May I extend once again not only my personal condolences and sympathy to Estelle, Joe, and Justice Tom, but also those of His Eminence Cardinal Cody, Bishop Abramovicz, and the many public officials and friends present here in church today.

All of us have our cherished memories of Congressman KLUCZYNSKI. During these last few days, after hearing of his death, my memory went back to a time some 6 or 7 years ago when I took a group of a hundred or so of my eighth grade boys and girls to Washington—I might add at the onset that they were not from his district. Shortly before leaving I asked the Congressman one day at Syrena's Restaurant: "JOHN, would you show my kids around when they're down there?" He was delighted.

He met them in the Rotunda of the Capitol and spent 2 hours with them. He spoke to them about what a great country this is, about the greatness of its institutions, about how he, a poor boy from Chicago's South Side, with little formal education could rise to such a position in its government, to serve its people for so long a time. But what stands out so clearly in my mind was

not only the ease and relaxed way he was with those boys and girls, but even more, how they felt completely at home with him.

And that is how we all remember KLU. If you looked deep into the soul of this man, you knew him to be simple, humble, down to earth. The papers have called him a powerful figure in the U.S. Congress, the grandfather of the Expressway System which was 89 percent completed during his 24 years in Congress. But we remember him as just plain JOHNNY KLU who never took himself too seriously and could always poke some fun at himself.

Whether you talk to the men who served with him and with whom he worked, or whether you talk to the people of the district, they are unanimous in telling you that JOHNNY KLU was a man whose door was always open, whose word was his bond. There's an old saying that "you can always take the boy out of the neighborhood, but you can't take the neighborhood out of the boy." JOHN left the neighborhood and went on to do some great things for this country, but he always carried the neighborhood and the values that he learned here with him in his heart. That is why I think the words of this morning's Gospel are so appropriate, "Father, Lord of heaven and earth, to You I offer praise, for what You have hidden from the learned and the clever, You have revealed to mere children."

KLU was not one to quote poetry. But well could he have appropriated the words of Edgar Guest as his own, at the end of his life:

"I'd like to think when life is done
That I had filled a needed post
That here and there I'd paid my fare
With more than idle talk and boast
That I have taken Gifts Divine,
The breath of life and manhood fine
And tried to use them now and then
In service to my fellow men."

With no trace of "idle talk" and little boasting, he used the "breath of life" in service with his fellow man. And isn't that what life is all about—to use to the best of your ability the talents that God has given you, to bestow upon your fellow man a little joy, a little love? And now the yoke and burden of life has been lifted from his shoulders. The Good Master has called him home.

Often when we'd get together to celebrate a birthday or a wedding anniversary, KLU would get a great kick out of me singing: "Sto lat, sto lat niech zyje zyje nam"—"May you live a hundred years." He would shake his head in feigned disgust and say: "Look at that, Father Pete Dunne singing Polish songs! The only way you can get ahead of these Irish is to walk in front of them."

Now may we express another wish and prayer on behalf of all who are here, the great and small of every race, national region, and religious belief—Nie Janek No Wieki. Amen. JOHNNY KLU, may you live now, not for a hundred years, but may you live forever. Amen.

Mr. Speaker, whether JOHNNY KLU was helping a colleague on a public works job, whether he was looking for a project for his own district, whether he was insisting on pension benefits or asking for something to be done for a House restaurant employee, or whether he was fighting for mass transit for Chicago and other urban areas across the Nation, he had the reputation of knowing how to get things done.

KLU had a style that was all his own. I think probably the greatest asset the man had was that he loved every human being, and every human being actually knew that KLU was that type of guy. I would have to assess KLU as the most popular man I have seen in my 20 years in Congress.

He was a big, friendly, outgoing individual. As I said, he had a style of his own.

Mr. Speaker, politics is the art of the possible, and KLU understood that, in my opinion, better than any other Member in this Chamber. He knew how to get things done, and he could get action out of any committee in the House. When you had a friend like KLU on your side, you really had something going for you.

I will miss him. From the day I arrived in Congress we were very close, personal friends. That friendship ripened and grew over 20 years. Probably the gentleman from Massachusetts, Eddie Boland, and I spent more time socially with KLU than any other Members. I will miss his astute political counsel, his keen sense of humor that often eased tense situations, and most of all, I will miss his close personal friendship.

What more does one say about a fellow like that, a fellow who is gone now and who really enjoyed life to its fullest?

Mrs. O'Neill joins me in expressing our deep sympathy to his lovely wife, Estelle; to his brother, Judge Tom Kluczynski; and his brother, Joe.

KLU was our pal, and we will always have fond memories of a deep and lasting friendship. May God always be with him.

Mr. DON H. CLAUSEN. Mr. Speaker, JOHN KLUCZYNSKI was, above all else, a great human being.

On Capitol Hill he was affectionately known as "BIG KLU." His nickname was given in a sense of affection, with the utmost respect, and was a measure of the man he was.

I know him as a great chairman of the Transportation Subcommittee of which I am proud to be a member. In his leadership role, he symbolized fairness to the members of his subcommittee.

He gave equal consideration to all. He was equally responsive and understanding to the needs and goals of urban areas, suburban areas, and rural areas.

The transportation systems we are building today will stand as living monuments to our beloved JOHNNIE KLU.

He was a man who always got things done and got them done well. He has always embodied and exemplified the Congress and the tradition of legislative accomplishment.

He was forthright and eloquent in his belief in our system of government and the American way of life. His death saddened all who knew him and reminds us how profoundly we will miss his counsel and his wisdom.

KLU had a special way with people. Through talent, energy, and sheer genius he won the admiration of his professional and personal associates. All those around him benefited from his presence.

JOHN KLUCZYNSKI was an outstanding and great man not only because he excelled in his profession of public service, but also because he constantly worked to raise the standard for others to follow.

He served the Congress and his constituents with commitments and devotion. I shall personally miss him, his humility, and his honesty. He leaves a void we all feel.

Mr. BOLAND. It is with a deep sense of loss that I remember our distinguished, beloved colleague, JOHN C. KLUCZYNSKI.

As has been indicated by the majority leader, the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. O'Neill) and I came to the 83d Congress together some 23 years ago. One of the first Members whom we met was Mr. KLUCZYNSKI. His office was right across the way from mine. I was a freshman—at the time both the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. O'Neill) and I were—and no one was kinder to us and no one gave us more help and showed us the intricacies of the House of Representatives better than did Mr. KLUCZYNSKI.

Mr. Speaker, I am delighted that the distinguished Member from Chicago has permitted the eulogy that he delivered at the funeral parlor to be inserted in the Record by the majority leader. I can think of no words that better depict or characterize Mr. KLUCZYNSKI than

that really magnificent, beautiful funeral oration. All of us remember it so well, and I commend it to the attention of all the Members of the House.

I commend as well the beautiful eulogy that was delivered in "KLU's" church by one of his longtime and close friends in the priesthood, Rev. Peter Dunne.

JOHNNY KLU, as has been said here, and it will be said by others, was one of the kindest persons I have ever known. His smile was rarely known to have been missing from his very wide and magnificent face. He was one of those unique individuals who, like Will Rogers, never met a man he did not like. He topped off his outlook on life by being a truly generous human being; and even beyond this he was a magnificent legislator. He was a tremendous credit to the city of Chicago. He was a credit to the House of Representatives and also to the Polish-Americans whom he represented so well and of whom he was intensely proud.

Mr. Speaker, with the others, I express my sympathy to his gracious and devoted wife, Estelle, and to his brother, Judge Tom Kluczynski, and his brother, Joe. We will always remember him as a wonderful friend, as a distinguished legislator, and as a great American.

Thank you very much.

Mr. RONCALIO. Mr. Speaker, it was my honor and my privilege to serve with JOHN KLUCZYNSKI for 4 years on the Public Works Committee and to work with him in his duties as chairman of its Transportation Subcommittee. He was always a cooperative, friendly, and helpful chairman and colleague.

I particularly remember the time he called on me to go to Chicago on a Saturday of a busy weekend so he could hold hearings on the subway system and the problems of mass transit in his tremendous city in feeding hundreds of thousands of people into the Loop and back home each day. We did spend all of that Saturday studying these problems, and it was a joy to work with JOHN KLUCZYNSKI and Mayor Daley that day.

JOHN was a good Congressman, a good citizen, a good husband, and a good colleague. He set an excellent example for the thousands whose life he touched. He is missed.

Mr. WRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, those of us in this Congress who knew JOHN KLUCZYNSKI, and particularly those on the Committee on Public Works, came to appreciate him as a warm and generous spirit, a man deeply dedicated to the good of his native land, a man whose unfailing good humor never could be disrupted.

Almost everywhere one looks in this country, one can see the handiwork of JOHN KLUCZYNSKI. In the ribbons of concrete that convey our Nation's food and fiber and people to and fro across this broad land, and in the waters that flow, clear and sparkling, in the streams, one can see the results of his legislative handiwork.

JOHN KLUCZYNSKI frequently said that the Committee on Public Works is not a Democratic committee nor a Republican committee; it is, he said, an American committee.

Chicago was his home, and Chicago was his love, but there will always be a bit of him in each of us who knew him. May we invoke in years to come, when tried by temper, the never-failing good spirit of JOHN KLUCZYNSKI, whom I never heard utter an unkind word about any person.

It is with humility and a sense of gratitude for having had the rich pleasure of knowing him that I join the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. Rostenkowski) in his special order today.

Mr. HUNGATE. Mr. Speaker, I, too, want to commend our colleague in the well, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. Rostenkowski, for his action in introducing legislation to name a building as a tribute to Mr. KLUCZYNSKI.

It was my privilege to serve on the Committee on Small Business with JOHN KLUCZYNSKI. Small business never had a better friend and never will have a better friend than JOHN. We can still hear his remarks that we have nothing against big business, we just want small business to become bigger. He loved the mom-and-pop-type operations, and he could understand in human terms the problems that were brought before our committee.

I believe we all recall the Democratic Convention of 1964 when we received invitations to come by his restaurant. JOHN was still operating the Syrena Restaurant on the south side of Chicago, and we all received nice little printed notes to come to the restaurant and to make it our home. We were there as his guests. Order anything we liked and just before leaving the restaurant, stop by the door and pay for it. This was Mr. KLU.

In a more serious vein one of the small business hearings that I attended pertained to a study on coal gasification, in Chicago, and he was deeply interested in this problem, and that was some 4 or 5 years before anyone began to realize how bad our need would be.

Also in his service in the House restaurant, that, too, is well known, and our wives speak in glowing terms of how KLU could handle the very difficult matters that came before this committee, in a gracious way.

I remember at the luncheons that many times he would order a big piece of pie, and have ice cream put on it. Somebody would say, "You have got to stop that. You have got to push that kind of stuff away." He said, "The guys who pushed it away, I have been acting as their pallbearers for some 20 years." He was always in good humor, as others have noted. He also apparently enjoyed a good card game, and he was known to have said that he liked to play with lawyers, because they thought too much. So, I suspect that he was as successful in that as he was in other areas.

JOHN KLUCZYNSKI made a great contribution to the House of Representatives and this Nation.

Mr. ROBERTS. Mr. Speaker, I want to make a few comments with reference to Congressman JOHN KLUCZYNSKI. I served with him on the Committee on Public Works for some 12 years. He was one of the most amazing people I have ever known. As the gentleman from Texas (Mr. Wright) said, I never heard him say anything bad about anybody. He could find some way to say something good in the toughest situation.

I also want to thank the gentleman in the well, Mr. Rostenkowski, for the great eulogy that he gave at the funeral service in Chicago.

We are all going to miss "BIG KLU." He was a great man; he was a great human being; and he was one of the finest men I have known.

Mr. ALBERT. Mr. Speaker, I join with my colleagues in expressing a deep sense of loss at the passing of a dedicated Member of the House and a true friend, the Honorable JOHN C. KLUCZYNSKI, of the Fifth Congressional District of Illinois. The death of this wonderful man marked the passing of one of the most beloved men to have served in this Chamber in my time.

His was a long and devoted career in the service of his State, this House, and his country. He was elected to the Illinois Legislature in

1932, where he served ably for 16 years. He then served a term in the Illinois Senate until his election to the House of Representatives in the 82d Congress. Thereafter, he was reelected to each succeeding Congress. He rose to the position of ranking member of the Public Works Committee and was a significant contributor to the legislation which gave the Nation its network of interstate highways. He evinced strong qualities of leadership as chairman of the Committee on Public Works' Subcommittee on Transportation. He also made important contributions to the Nation's economic well-being as a member of the Small Business Committee, whose Subcommittee on Metropolitan and Rural Areas he chaired.

But no mere recital of offices won, committee posts held, and bills labored upon, can adequately describe his impact on the legislative process at both the State and National level. He was an effective legislator because he won the respect and affection of his colleagues, who always were aware that his genial ways accompanied an informed dedicaton to the public interest and to the legislative tasks at hand.

His lifetime of public service has now closed and we mourn his absence among us. To his beloved widow, Estelle, to his brother, Thomas, a judge of the Illinois Supreme Court, to the other members of his family, and to all who knew JOHN KLUCZYNSKI and cherished his friendship, I extend my deepest sympathies.

Mr. HORTON. Mr. Speaker, I wish to join my fellow House Members in paying tribute to our late colleague, JOHN C. KLUCZYNSKI. All of us had great affection for JOHNNY KLU and we shall deeply miss him as a friend and able legislator.

I had the honor of serving as ranking minority member for many years on the Small Business Subcommittee on Small Towns and Urban Areas. JOHN chaired that subcommittee and I came to know him as one of the finest and most compassionate men ever to serve in the House. He was a man of strong convictions and his devotion to public service was unequaled. There can be no doubt that JOHN KLUCZYNSKI was the best friend small business ever had in Congress and his leadership is a tragic loss.

Mr. Speaker, I extend my deepest sympathy to JOHN'S wife Stephanie and his fine family.

Mr. CRANE. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues in paying tribute to JOHN KLUCZYNSKI, or JOHNNY KLU as so many of us referred to

him, with a feeling of deep sorrow and regret. While he started his career in Congress long before I started mine, I came to know him and respect him as a warm, friendly, dedicated public servant who contributed a great deal to the city of Chicago, the State of Illinois, and the Nation.

Indeed, JOHNNY KLU dedicated a lifetime to serving the people of Chicago. He served in the Illinois State House of Representatives for 17 years beginning in 1933. Then, in 1950, he was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives, and for the next 24 years he served with distinction. In the 93d Congress he was the third ranking member on the Public Works Committee and the second ranking member on the Select Committee on Small Business. As a member of the Public Works Subcommittee, JOHNNY KLU made a big contribution to the development of the Nation's highway system; as a restaurant owner, he also was able to bring special insight into his Small Business Committee assignments. But, no matter how difficult the assignment, JOHNNY KLU always had time to extend the hand of friendship and I, for one, will always remember that.

Certainly JOHNNY KLUCZYNSKI will be missed around here and my heartfelt sympathy goes out to the members of his family. However, looking back on his 41 years of public service, they can be proud of his accomplishments and devotion to service.

Mr. GINN. Mr. Speaker, when Congressman JOHN KLUCZYNSKI passed away recently, I felt a personal loss aside from losing a colleague from among the Members of the House. I had the opportunity of serving with JOHN KLUCZYNSKI on the Public Works Committee and was close to this kind and congenial man.

JOHN had served in the House for over 24 years and had been a Congressman's Congressman. He was born and raised in the Fifth Congressional District of Illinois that he represented. His birthplace was above his father's butcher shop. Upon completion of his service in the First World War, he returned to Chicago to become involved in a family restaurant business. After serving as a local representative and senator, he was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives.

He served his Nation well by watching over the construction of the Interstate Highway System, the largest public works project in the world. He also used his position as the chairman of the Transporta-

tion Subcommittee to help his urban constituency by breaking loose expressway money for urban mass transit projects.

Mr. KLU will be truly missed by more than just his colleagues on the Public Works Committee and in the full House. Americans have lost a friend who was concerned about the betterment of the lives of people of this Nation. The citizens of the Fifth District of Illinois lost a native son who loved the southwest side of Chicago because it was home and because the residents were his neighbors. I extend my personal sympathy to his wife and family, his staff, and his constituency.

Mr. MORGAN. Mr. Speaker, JOHN KLUCZYNSKI's death leaves a great void in this Chamber, and I know that all of my colleagues in the House of Representatives share my grief over JOHN's passing.

JOHN spent his entire lifetime in public service. He was elected to the Illinois State Legislature in 1932, serving 16 consecutive years, and elected to the State senate in 1948. Beginning with the 82d Congress, he served on Capitol Hill, bringing his great wit, charm, and knowledge of governmental affairs to the House. His service on the Committees on Public Works, Small Business, and the House Restaurant was distinguished by the hard work which he brought to these efforts.

Mr. Speaker, Mrs. Morgan and I extend our sympathies to the friends and family of JOHN KLUCZYNSKI. We shall all miss him.

Mr. McFALL. Mr. Speaker, I want to join in the tribute to our good friend and departed colleague, JOHN KLUCZYNSKI, who represented his district in Chicago in this House for 24 years.

JOHN had been a good friend of mine since the 1950's when we served together on the Public Works Committee. It was always a pleasure to work with him. He was one of the most congenial Members of the House, and he was known for his good humor as well as his ability.

He was devoted to the people of his district, and Chicago has lost a great advocate in the Congress. His long political career began in the Depression and New Deal year of 1932 when he was elected to the Illinois State Legislature. He served for 16 years and then was elected to the State senate, resigning a year later to campaign for Congress.

As a youth, JOHN KLUCZYNSKI worked in the Chicago stockyards. He knew what it was like to labor for a living. In World War I, JOHN served with the Army's artillery in France. He knew war first hand and knew the personal price that patriotism demands. The years following the war saw JOHN establish a flourishing restaurant business, excel in Illinois politics, and win his congressional seat in 1950.

During the years in the House of Representatives, JOHN contributed much to the work of the Congress. As chairman of the Transportation Subcommittee of the Public Works Committee, JOHN had a major influence on the highway system of the country. He had a continuing concern for the St. Lawrence Seaway and was instrumental in its development and improvement. The seaway's benefits have extended not only to the Great Lakes region but to our entire national economy. The House itself benefited from JOHN's restaurant experience when he took over the chairmanship of the Select Committee on the House Restaurant.

JOHN KLUCZYNSKI's life represented the best in the American tradition. He was an American of Polish descent, and he was proud of it. He was born and raised in the Chicago district he represented, and he was proud of it. He was a Democrat to the very end, and he was proud of it. He was an all-American Congressman, and he was proud of it.

I count myself fortunate to have had the opportunity to know JOHN KLUCZYNSKI and to work with him and to call him my friend. I mourn his passing, and I extend to his wife and family my deepest sympathy.

Mr. WON PAT. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to have this opportunity to join with my colleagues in the Congress to memorialize our late friend and colleague, Representative JOHN KLUCZYNSKI of Illinois.

During my years in Washington as Guam's Representative and as Guam's Congressman I grew to appreciate Representative KLUCZYNSKI's wisdom and knowledge of the Congress. Representative KLUCZYNSKI came to the Congress in 1950, the same year that the Guam Organic Act was passed. During his service in the Congress, Representative KLUCZYNSKI saw Guam often come to the Congress for additional assistance, and consequently he grew to understand and appreciate our island's needs. I am proud to state that he was one of

the Representatives in the 92d Congress who voted for the Guam-Virgin Island elected delegate bill which created my seat in the House of Representatives.

I know that JOHN KLUCZYNSKI will be sorely missed by his fellow Democrats in the House and by all Members whatever their party affiliation. He was a good American and an outstanding Representative who provided his constituents with the best possible representation in the Congress. It was a pleasure to have served with a man of this caliber and I welcome this opportunity to express my deep regret, and that of my fellow Americans in Guam, to Representative KLUCZYNSKI's family at his passing. Thank you.

Mr. SMITH of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I want to join my colleagues today in paying tribute to our distinguished colleague from Illinois, JOHN KLUCZYNSKI.

He served with great distinction in the House of Representatives for many years and was one of the best known Members of this body. He had a long and distinguished career both in public service and in private business and discussions with him readily indicated the value of these great experiences.

It would be repetitious to cite the many, many instances in which he made great contributions to the product of this legislative body. Indeed, the Nation suffers with the loss of such a man and I extend my deepest sympathy to his loved ones who will miss him as he will also be missed in this House.

Mr. ADDABBO. Mr. Speaker, I join with any colleague in expressing my sympathy and condolences to the family of our departed friend JOHN KLUCZYNSKI.

JOHN was a good friend to all of us and he served his constituents and the Nation with honor and distinction for 25 years. We shall miss him grievously.

There are those who serve among us who impress us with their skill and their knowledge but few men in this body can claim from his colleagues the affection and the respect that KLU received from his peers. His accomplishments, of course, were many, but the essence of respect went to the man rather than the deeds.

He was a man who served with dignity but whose sense of humor never deserted him. Whether his barbs were aimed at himself, as they frequently were, or at those of us who began to take ourselves a bit

too seriously, they were always pertinent and, more importantly, were always funny.

There is not a man or woman serving here today who did not carry away a healthier outlook on life after 5 or 10 minutes in KLU's company. And how many people from around America who visited the Nation's Capitol first became acquainted with the deliciousness of Polish sausages which found their way into the House Restaurant as soon as KLU became chairman of the House Restaurant Committee? The Polish sausages, while excellent, were only one example of KLU's continuing demonstration of pride in his Polish heritage. Through him, all of us learned again the lesson that people from all backgrounds and nationalities have much to offer if we will only welcome them warmly into our midst. KLU was a living and breathing example of what a good man is all about.

Thankfully, JOHN KLUCZYNSKI lived a long and full life, surrounded by those who loved him and took from him a sense of deep pleasure in life itself. He was a good man, and that is an epitaph worthy of anyone by itself, but he was also a delight to all who were touched by him, and that is exceptional. We are the poorer for his passing.

Mr. DERWINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I personally felt a deep sense of loss on learning of the death of JOHN KLUCZYNSKI, and I know that my feeling is shared by our colleagues on both sides of the aisle.

"KLU," as he was familiarly known by all of us, was an extremely effective Member of Congress. KLU had a great grasp of his congressional duties and responsibilities, and he did much of his work behind the scenes putting together effective legislation. I always marveled over his intimate knowledge of the details of all the bills before his committees and over his legislative expertise.

KLU's congressional district was adjacent to mine for 16 years, and we often worked together to solve common problems. He labored tirelessly for the welfare of the people of his congressional district which he served so well and for the good of all of the people of the United States. In the truest sense, he ably represented his people. He will be missed by the people of Illinois, but especially by those in the city of Chicago.

At all times KLU was courteous, accommodating, warmhearted and a gentleman. He was one of the best friends I have had in all my

years in the Congress. I shall always cherish his sprightly wit, tireless energy, and genuine willingness to extend the warm hand of friendship. On many occasions I was the benefactor of his experience and wise counsel.

Mr. Speaker, Mrs. Derwinski joins me in expressing our most deep and heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of JOHN KLUCZYNSKI.

Mr. HELSTOSKI. Mr. Speaker, it was with a great deal of sadness that I learned of the death of one of the most popular Members of the House, Congressman JOHN KLUCZYNSKI.

During his many distinguished years of service in the House, Congressman KLUCZYNSKI provided the people of the Fifth Congressional District of Illinois with outstanding legislative representation and excellent constituent service.

Elected to the House in 1950, Congressman KLUCZYNSKI made many important legislative contributions during his 25 years of service. He was widely recognized as an authority on roads and highways and distinguished himself through his work as chairman of the House Public Works Subcommittee on Transportation.

Mr. Speaker, it also was my personal privilege to work with Mr. KLUCZYNSKI on a variety of matters relating to Polish-American cultural activities, and his work in this area was characterized by a deep sense of pride and a sincere interest in the heritage of all American people.

I know that my colleagues will agree with me when I say that the House has lost one of its outstanding Members, and I would like to take this opportunity to extend my deepest sympathy to his family.

Mr. LUJAN. Mr. Speaker, I wish to express my feeling of personal loss over the death of my friend and colleague JOHN KLUCZYNSKI, or as many of us affectionately knew him, "BIG KLU."

I had the pleasure of serving on the Select Committee on Small Business with BIG KLU. He was a subcommittee chairman of that committee and in that capacity he demonstrated a personal feeling for the small businessman of this country. And during hearings held in my home State of New Mexico, BIG KLU showed an understanding for the problems of the small businessman that few people have ever shown.

When bureaucracy and small businessman clashed, BIG KLU always championed the little guy. He would keep the hounds of the bureauc-

racy at bay, as it were, so that the small businessman could survive.

He and I also stood together in the battle to save the funds of the Federal Highway Aid Act when there were those who would have raided that act to give funds to mass transit. But BIG KLU stood steadfast as a watchdog for the act and I admire his courage and principle for doing so.

We in the House have lost a valuable partner and friend with the passing of BIG KLU. And the Nation has lost a fine champion of the little guy.

Mr. DE LA GARZA. Mr. Speaker, the Honorable JOHN C. KLUCZYNSKI was a friend of mine and a friend of the south Texas district I represent here.

JOHNNY KLU had a genius for friendship. He was a man who often gave the impression of bubbling with good will toward his fellow man. He was a jolly companion, always considerate, always mindful of the problems of his colleagues.

When I entered the House 10 years ago, he already had completed 7 terms of service here. I will never forget his kindness toward this freshman Member. He was a dedicated, constructive Member of this body and represented his district ably.

I miss him sorely, and I know my feeling is widely shared.

Mr. GAYDOS. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues in paying tribute to our good friend and colleague, JOHN C. KLUCZYNSKI, whose untimely death leaves us so deeply grieved.

"KLU," as he was affectionately known by all of us, was a man of great understanding and compassion. His ready smile and affable manner was a source of inspiration to us all. I particularly will remember him for the many hours he spent with me after sessions and shared his vast experience as a legislator serving the best interests of his constituents as well as the people of the United States.

"KLU" commenced life in humble circumstances. Born of Polish parents, he worked as a youth in the Chicago stockyards. In World War I, he served overseas with the 8th Field Artillery.

He began his public career in 1932, when he was elected to the Illinois State Legislature, and he spent the next 43 years in public service, including 24 years in the Congress of the United States. As a member of the House Committee on Public Works, and chairman of the Subcommittee on Transportation, his strong and diligent efforts

were instrumental in making the Interstate Highway System a reality. As a member of the Select Committee on Small Business, he was well aware of the problems confronting the small businessman and took an active part in giving strong support to progressive legislation. Always aware of his own humble beginnings, he was most concerned that others similarly situated would have the opportunity to apply their skills and succeed in contributing to the greatness of our country.

His passing has taken from me a friend, from all of us a respected colleague, from the people of the Fifth Congressional District of Illinois, a dedicated representative and from the people of the United States an outstanding legislator.

Mr. NATCHER. Mr. Speaker, it is difficult to reconcile ourselves to the fact that our beloved friend, JOHN C. KLUCZYNSKI, has passed away.

As a Representative in the Congress of the United States, he had those qualities that are essential for leadership, sound judgment, patience, perseverance, and unyielding adherence to the principles and policies advocated by his party for the welfare of the country. He was an outstanding member of the Committee on Public Works and presided for many years over his subcommittee with dignity and firmness. His character, achievements, and faithful service will be an inspiration to generations yet to come.

I have lost a true friend and this country has lost a great statesman. May God let the light of His countenance shine upon him and give him peace.

To the members of his family, I extend my deepest sympathy in their bereavement.

Mr. MORGAN. Mr. Speaker, I am deeply saddened by the news of the untimely death of our friend and well-beloved colleague, the Honorable JOHN C. KLUCZYNSKI of Illinois.

JOHN KLUCZYNSKI was a man without enemies in the House of Representatives. His friendliness, his enthusiasm, and his spirit of cooperation gained him the friendship and affection of all who knew him well.

He used his engaging personality to gain support for the causes in which he believed, and for programs which would assist the people of his district in Chicago.

As chairman of the Subcommittee on Roads of the House Public Works Committee, JOHN KLUCZYNSKI presided over the great extension of our Federal roads system through the construction of our interstate highways.

Those highways have been a major benefit for transportation, commerce, and safety in our Nation, and long will JOHN KLUCZYNSKI be remembered for his part in that achievement.

He also made important contributions as chairman of the House Subcommittee on Small Business Problems, and as the chairman of the Select Committee on the House Restaurant.

JOHN KLUCZYNSKI will be missed very much in the House of Representatives. His humor and personality have helped to lighten many a session when contentions might otherwise have impeded the speedy disposition of the Nation's business.

My wife joins me in expressing our deep sympathy to Mrs. Kluczynski and members of the family on this sad occasion.

Mr. McCLORY. Mr. Speaker, like many others of us who represent Illinois districts in the Congress of the United States, JOHN KLUCZYNSKI served for many years in the Illinois General Assembly. He gained a reputation as a lawmaker in Illinois. That reputation has been enhanced by his distinguished service in the Congress since 1949.

Mr. Speaker, if there was ever a harsh word which he uttered or unkind thought which passed through Representative KLUCZYNSKI's mind, this never came to my attention. He was essentially kind and considerate, interspersing his thoughtful, comforting, and illuminating statements with elements of delightful wit, which he seemed always to have at his command.

Mr. Speaker, the special service which Representative KLUCZYNSKI provided on the important Public Works Committee probably represents his most valued contribution as a Member of the U.S. House of Representatives. However, it would be entirely inappropriate to fail to recognize the close attention which he gave to the interests of his constituents in southwest Chicago, and the devotion which he always showed to his beloved city, State, and Nation.

As a successful restaurateur, Congressman KLUCZYNSKI shared his expertise with the House Dining Room Committee, as a result of which all of the Members of the House, as well as our staff personnel, have benefited.

Mr. Speaker, it was just a few days ago that Congressman KLUCZYNSKI took my arm as we crossed South Capitol Street together, as he was returning to his Washington apartment in the Congressional Hotel. I felt a close and affectionate affinity for this friend as we spoke briefly arm-in-arm and said farewell, as he entered the Congressional Hotel and I headed down the street to the Capitol Hill Club. This was our final meeting, and one which I shall always remember with tenderness and compassion. Congressman JOHN KLUCZYNSKI and I were friends throughout our experience in the Congress, and I have a deep sense of loss, as I reflect upon his life and his final passing.

Mrs. McClory joins me in this expression of respect and affection for a longtime friend and colleague, and we take this occasion to convey our sympathy to JOHN KLUCZYNSKI's widow, Stephanie, and other members of his family.

Mr. PHILLIP BURTON. Mr. Speaker, I was deeply saddened to learn of the death of our distinguished colleague and my good friend, JOHN KLUCZYNSKI.

JOHN was a lovable guy and a warm and generous man who served the people of Illinois with dedication.

He served in the Illinois State Legislature from 1932 until 1950. He has served the people of Illinois in this body for almost a quarter of a century.

JOHN KLUCZYNSKI, a true friend, a gentle and jovial man, will be missed by all of us who were privileged to serve with him.

Mr. WHITTEN. Mr. Speaker, I wish to join with my colleagues, in paying tribute to our late friend, Hon. JOHN C. KLUCZYNSKI.

It was my pleasure to be closely associated with JOHN in the years he was in Congress. Possessed of a wonderful sense of humor, he could always keep his colleagues in good spirits on the most serious of issues.

His contributions in the Congress were tremendous. Particularly was he active in the area of public works, those investments in our own country which are so essential to our overall well-being.

We shall all miss JOHN and his sunny disposition. To his loved ones, we express our deepest sympathy. We have lost a friend.

Mr. OBERSTAR. Mr. Speaker, I join with my colleagues in paying sincere tribute to our colleague, Representative JOHN C. KLUCZYNSKI, a fine and honorable man, and much beloved by all who knew him.

Though I had a brief few weeks to serve with him on the Public Works Committee, I was administrator of that committee for the past 4 years, and in that capacity had ample opportunity to work with him on highway and mass transit legislation.

He was one of the strongest backers of the Nation's Federal-aid highway system. That system has come under attack in recent years, especially in the large metropolitan areas. But less populated parts of the country, like my own district in northeastern Minnesota, owe him a deep debt of gratitude for the network of highways he is largely responsible for having brought them within reach of the broad choice of employment, the educational, health, and cultural necessities that city dwellers take for granted.

And, as chairman of the Public Works Subcommittee on Transportation, he last year joined in framing an admirable mass transportation bill for both urban and rural America.

For over 40 years he has served the people of Chicago, Ill., and the Nation; and has left a legacy of far-reaching legislation.

KLU was a great man, and will be greatly missed by Congress, the Public Works Committee, and the people of his home city of Chicago and the State of Illinois.

Mr. WAGGONNER. Mr. Speaker, perhaps the greatest tribute that can be paid to any Member of Congress is to recognize that he truly represented the people of his district with dedication and integrity. This can certainly be said in all honesty of our late colleague, JOHN KLUCZYNSKI of Illinois.

For almost a quarter of a century, JOHN KLUCZYNSKI toiled in behalf of his people of Chicago in these Chambers. His work was diligent, his efforts untiring. As a tribute to his devotion to duty, his people reelected him to represent them in 12 Congresses. He had obviously earned their respect and their trust.

This is more of a tribute than any of us here today could ever pay to him.

But JOHN KLUCZYNSKI realized a greater responsibility in his oath of office—a charge to give representation to the entire Nation. He accepted this challenge, and we have all benefited because he did.

As chairman of the Transportation Subcommittee of the House Public Works Committee, Chairman KLUCZYNSKI has left his mark on the map of this country. Under his wise guidance and counsel, legislation dealing with the creation and building of our Interstate Highway System was molded into law. Millions of Americans who never had the opportunity to know and respect him personally as we have will benefit for years to come because of his work in Congress.

Many times I called on him to express the needs of my people in Louisiana. Chairman KLUCZYNSKI always listened with understanding and acted with fairness. His judgments were always tempered with personal intelligence, commonsense, and the experience of 43 years of public service.

Our sympathies at this time are with his wife, Estelle, and his brothers.

His leadership will be missed in this body. And I shall miss him personally.

Mr. DERRICK. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of Congressman William Jennings Bryan Dorn, who represented South Carolina's Third District for 26 years, I wish to enter the following tribute to the late Congressman JOHN KLUCZYNSKI:

TRIBUTE TO JOHN KLUCZYNSKI

The late Congressman JOHN KLUCZYNSKI was a great friend of every Member of the House. He believed in America and truly served all of the people.

I had the pleasure of serving in the Congress with JOHN KLUCZYNSKI for many years. We served together on the Public Works Committee. As chairman of the Subcommittee on Roads, he was the architect of our great Interstate Highway System—probably the best road network existing anywhere in the world. JOHN believed it essential that we have the very best transportation system. In helping design such a system, he was equally committed to highway safety.

When the Public Works Committee first began hearings on legislation to

eliminate unsafe conditions at railroad crossings several years ago, Congressman KLUCZYNSKI came to my hometown of Greenwood, S.C. He conducted hearings in the courthouse. He was determined to help us correct the situation then existing at Greenwood and other places throughout the country. The legislation he helped guide through the Congress is now saving thousands of lives annually.

JOHN KLUCZYNSKI believed in protecting the environment.

Although he represented one of the great urban areas of our country, the city of Chicago, he had a great interest in watersheds for the rural communities. He believed in water and soil conservation. He felt we should conserve water where it falls. There are some 10,000 of these farm ponds in the Third Congressional District. Many of them contribute to great rural watershed systems providing water for thousands of people.

He worked hard to get the highway beautification program enacted, making our highways more attractive, thus enhancing the environment.

JOHN KLUCZYNSKI was an all-American Congressman. He believed in a strong national defense. He was a great patriot. He was a good man. He was friendly, jovial, and kind. Most of all he will be remembered as a compassionate man.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to JOHN's wife, Estelle, and the family. We shall miss him.

WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN DORN.

Mr. BIAGGI. Mr. Speaker, a dear and valued colleague of ours, Hon. JOHN KLUCZYNSKI, passed away recently. His death, just as the long and full life which preceded it, left a profound mark on this distinguished body. I would like to add my voice in paying tribute to the life and accomplishments of the distinguished gentleman from Illinois.

JOHN graced the House with almost a quarter century of service. During this time he charted an impressive record of service to his constituents who saw to it that he was reelected on 12 different occasions. While in the House JOHN served with distinction as the chairman of the Subcommittee on Transportation of the Public Works Committee. He was a champion of improved highways in the United States. The vast miles of fine interstate highways which millions of travelers and commuters of this Nation enjoy are due a great deal to the work of JOHN KLUCZYNSKI. He also aided the effort

which resulted in moneys from the highway trust funds being used for mass transit, a move which prevented many systems from folding.

In addition, all of us who have enjoyed the fine meals available in the various House dining facilities are indebted to JOHN for this service as chairman of the special subcommittee which oversaw the operations of the eating facilities of the House.

Personally JOHN was a warm and compassionate man respected and liked by his colleagues. He will best be remembered for his abundant sense of humor. He was totally dedicated to serving his constituents and for many years he operated a restaurant in his beloved Chicago where he would often hold meetings with his constituents.

He was a loyal and patriotic American as well. He was rarely seen without his famous miniature American flag pin which he wore proudly on his lapel. He epitomized a man who was able to rise from poor surroundings to a position of prominence, never forgetting the needs of those less fortunate.

Mr. Speaker, the people of Chicago have lost one of their most colorful and best public servants. We, in the House, have lost one of our most prestigious and well-liked colleagues. I extend my deepest condolences to his wife, Stephanie, and assure her that we share her loss.

Mr. MURPHY of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, with the passing of JOHN KLUCZYNSKI, I have lost one of my dearest friends. I will miss his laughter, his humor, and his wisdom. Big JOHNNY KLU, as he was affectionately known, was never impressed with himself or with the position he attained in life. He remembered his humble beginnings and never looked down on people who were poor and uneducated.

JOHN KLUCZYNSKI delighted listeners, young and old, with stories of the Chicago he knew as a boy and young man. He told of the early days of his catering business, of the Polish weddings, and the Irish communion breakfasts. He spoke of the stockyards, of the local political scene of the 1930's and 1940's, of the Chicago he knew and loved over the years.

JOHN KLUCZYNSKI was not comfortable with people who were clawing their way to the top of the political or economic ladders. He was not flashy, flamboyant, or affected. He was a man of simple tastes who fiercely loved the people of his Fifth District.

He was dedicated to building and improving the U.S. Interstate Highway System. He was highly criticized some years ago for refusing to bust the highway trust fund for mass transit purposes. But JOHNNY KLU proved he was not a man tied to the past. He changed his position on the fund in 1973, thus guaranteeing that our cities' mass transit systems would not die an untimely and needless death.

JOHN KLUCZYNSKI will be missed but, more importantly, he will be remembered. He will be remembered for his smile, his warmth, his human understanding. They are his legacy and JOHN KLUCZYNSKI would have wanted it that way.

Mrs. SULLIVAN. Mr. Speaker, all of us who served with the late JOHN KLUCZYNSKI during his many years in the House knew why he was such a successful restaurateur and such a successful politician in a city where the competition in both categories is unusually tough.

He was the friendliest person in the House. And he cared about people. He went out of his way to do favors for friends—and everyone was a friend to him. He shared political ideas with us as readily as he shared secrets of food preparation and serving. A conversation with him on the House floor was always a delightful mixture of good counsel and fun.

He was close to the people of his district and listened attentively to the suggestions or complaints they made to him about national issues, and could always be counted on for wise contributions to our deliberations on legislation.

A special treat for me was an occasional opportunity to share his hospitality in Chicago during visits there for political conventions or other events. It was, of course, no surprise to find that his restaurant patrons regarded him not as a businessman selling a product but as a close friend who made one's visits to his establishment a pleasure to be long remembered.

I know I shall miss him every day the House is in session. His love of humanity was evident in everything he did. One loses such a good friend with sorrow but also with gratitude for all of his kindnesses over many years.

Mr. CORMAN. Mr. Speaker, all of us are greatly saddened by the loss of our friend and colleague, JOHN KLUCZYNSKI. The House is just not the same without "BIG KLU." We served together on the Se-

lect Committee on Small Business, and I am deeply grateful that I had the privilege of working with him and knowing him as a friend.

JOHN had a tremendous liking and sympathy for people. He could put them at ease with a smile and a little joke, often about himself, better than anyone I ever knew. If some of the small businessmen who came to testify before our committee were feeling nervous, JOHN would lean back in his chair, pat his stomach, and say "I carry a lot of weight around this place." Then everyone would laugh, and the tension would be gone. He got tremendous pleasure out of being able to help people with no other place to go. I think perhaps that is what he loved best about being a Congressman; to him, public service meant helping people, and he dedicated his life to that concept.

"BIG KLU'S" dedication to helping people is reflected in the legislation that he championed during his 24 years in Congress. He believed strongly in the social security system, and fought to improve benefits for senior citizens. "I intend to support any measure," he once said, "which will give older Americans the assistance they so richly deserve in order to retain the dignity and independence in their retirement years." He remembered the stockyards where he had worked as a youth, and was deeply sympathetic with the financial hardships suffered by some of his fellow workers and neighbors when they reached retirement age. In the same way, he was a staunch supporter of higher education, because he knew what it was like not to have the opportunity himself.

He was born "back of the yards" in 1896, son of a Polish immigrant. At the age of 12 he had to quit school and go to work—in the stockyards, driving a truck, and in the circulation department of the old Chicago Evening Post. He served in World War I with an artillery unit.

In 1932, he won election to the Illinois State Legislature. He served there 18 years, until his election to Congress in 1950, as the Representative of the Fifth District in Chicago. As a Congressman, he will perhaps be best remembered for his outstanding role in the development of our great National Highway System. It is a truly impressive monument to his achievement, an achievement which has brought incalculable benefits to our whole Nation.

But I will remember "BIG KLU" as a wonderful person, whose departure has saddened all who had the wonderful privilege of knowing him. He will be greatly missed by his friends and colleagues here,

by his constituents, his State, and the Nation he served so well during 42 years of public life. He was an outstanding Representative, one who had genuine compassion for "the little guys," and who did everything in his power to help them. He brought humor and humanity to public office—he took his job very seriously, but never himself.

To his bereaved family, I express my deepest sympathy.

Mr. FINDLEY. Mr. Speaker, I am grateful to my colleague, Melvin Price, for arranging this special order so that each of us may say a word about our great friend, the late Congressman JOHN KLUCZYNSKI.

One of the great joys of being a Member of this Chamber is the association with the splendid people. Of those of my acquaintance none ranks higher in my esteem than our friend, KLU. I knew him as a friend for each of the 14 years that I have served in this Chamber and many were the occasions when my spirits were lifted by his good humor, warmth, and friendship. He never failed to be cordial and helpful in every way.

Even though I sat on the opposite side of the political aisle, there was never an occasion when I went to JOHN for help and was denied that help. In fact, on every occasion he enthusiastically supported my requests. As all Members of this body will recognize, that kind of cooperation is prized beyond gold.

I will miss him very much and express my deepest sympathy to members of his family. The Kluczynski's have served nobly the people of Illinois, and this is especially true of our friend, JOHN.

Mr. COLLINS of Texas. Mr. Speaker, all of us in Congress were shocked and saddened to hear of the passing of our colleague, JOHN KLUCZYNSKI. He will be missed by each Member of the House and by his constituents back home in Chicago.

JOHN began his public service in 1932, as a member of the Illinois State House and later as a member of the State senate. For the past 24 years, he ably and actively served the people of Chicago in the U.S. House of Representatives.

JOHN KLUCZYNSKI has been a gifted and strong legislator in Congress. During the past years, he has served as chairman of the House Subcommittee on Restaurants and as a member of the House Small Business Committee. However, probably his greatest accomplishments

have come as chairman of the Transportation Subcommittee of the House Public Works Committee. The United States enjoys the greatest Interstate Highway System in the world, due, in large part, to the excellent leadership and hard work of JOHN KLUCZYNSKI when the system was begun in the 1950's.

I will always remember JOHN's untiring warmth and friendliness. We have lost a wonderful colleague and the people of Chicago have lost a dedicated and devoted representative.

Mrs. Collins and I wish to extend our deepest sympathies to Mrs. Kluczynski and her family during this difficult time.

Mrs. MINK. Mr. Speaker, today I join my fellow Members of this House to pay respects to the gentleman from Illinois, JOHN KLUCZYNSKI. The late Congressman represented the people of Illinois' Fifth District for a quarter century, and perhaps there can be no greater tribute to this man than our recognition of his loyalty to the interests of his constituents. He was in constant communication with them, he knew their needs, and he acted always in their best interest.

It is also true, Mr. Speaker, that anyone who remains in this distinguished body for any length of time takes on the responsibility to legislate for the national good as well as for the good of his individual district. JOHN KLUCZYNSKI had risen to that stature, and frequently offered his views on the issues of national and worldwide concern which the Congress faces.

I offer my condolences to his family, and share their sense of loss for this man who contributed much to our work in this Congress.

Mr. NEDZI. Mr. Speaker, the recent death of our esteemed colleague, JOHN C. KLUCZYNSKI of Illinois, has deprived the House of one of its most lovable personalities and veteran legislators. We have lost a good friend.

When I arrived in the House of Representatives in the winter of 1961–62, one of the first Congressmen I met was JOHN "KLU" KLUCZYNSKI. He already seemed an institution and when one considers his legislative record—18 years in the State legislature and 24 years in the Congress—he most certainly was.

JOHN KLUCZYNSKI and I, although we are a generation apart, shared a common urban and Polish-American heritage. I am grateful

to him for his wise counsel, his perennial good humor, and for the fact that "KLU" never lost the common touch.

I extend my sympathies to his family.

Mr. POAGE. Mr. Speaker, we have lost another landmark. JOHN KLUCZYNSKI was one of those Members who knew everybody and everybody knew KLU. He was not a backslapper but everybody considered him a friend. He had an intense loyalty to his own people and to their problems; but he had a willingness to hear the problems of others and to act in their behalf if he could be convinced they were right.

Certainly the House was a better place because JOHN KLUCZYNSKI served in it and in the future it will be a better place if more individuals like him serve here.

Mr. RHODES. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues in the House of Representatives today in paying tribute to our longtime colleague JOHN C. KLUCZYNSKI of Illinois.

During his 24 years in the House, JOHN KLUCZYNSKI served his Fifth District in Chicago, Ill., and the Nation well. He contributed more than four decades of dedicated public service, beginning with the Illinois State Legislature.

It was my privilege to know JOHN during his nearly quarter of a century of House service. He was well grounded in Government and in Federal-State relations, and was a hard-working member of the Public Works Committee, the Select Committee on Small Business, and the House Restaurant Committee.

JOHN had many friends, on both sides of the political aisle. He served through times of intense national travail and through many changes of Government.

We all will miss him greatly in the 94th Congress.

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is with sadness and deep regret that we pay our final tributes to our beloved friend and colleague, JOHN C. KLUCZYNSKI. JOHN was a good friend to many of us and a great legislator. He was a statesman who had, over the years, earned the love and respect of his constituents. In the 24 years of fulfilling his congressional responsibilities, JOHN cheerfully and diligently served the needs of all of his people.

The prayers and heartfelt sympathy of all of his many friends and colleagues are with his beloved wife, Estelle, in her time of loss.

Mr. MIKVA. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues in mourning the passing of JOHN KLUCZYNSKI. We, in the House, and the people of his district have lost a dedicated public servant.

JOHNNY KLU was a friendly soul. His smile and easy greeting were well known in the Halls of Congress. There was a trace of shyness about him, an unusual quality for a man as successful as JOHN KLUCZYNSKI.

JOHN KLUCZYNSKI served his constituents well, first as their State representative, then as their State senator, and finally as their Representative in Congress since 1950. He was an urban Congressman who understood the problems of urban America. As chairman of the Public Works Subcommittee on Transportation, he fought for the transportation needs of his urban constituency. The people of his district were fortunate to have his able representation.

I was particularly fond of JOHNNY KLU. Although a senior Member of our delegation, he never forgot the adjustment problems of freshmen Members. During my first term, he was always there with a guiding hand and an encouraging remark. I deeply appreciated his kindness in those early days.

JOHN KLUCZYNSKI was a good man, and the sense of loss to his family is shared by all who knew him.

Mr. REUSS. Mr. Speaker, today I join my colleagues in this memorial tribute to our late, good friend, Congressman JOHN C. KLUCZYNSKI of Illinois.

Congressman KLUCZYNSKI served with distinction in this House since 1951, and we all shared the shock and sorrow at the news of his death on January 27. I know that his constituents in the Fifth District of Illinois, whom he served with diligence and energy, will miss his leadership. He was a warm and genial man, who earned the affection of all those who had the honor to know him as a friend and a colleague.

JOHN KLUCZYNSKI will be missed in this House. Congress has lost an able Member, the Fifth District of Illinois has lost a skilled leader, and we have all lost a good friend. I know I speak for us all when I extend my sincere sympathy to his family.

Mr. JOHNSON of California. Mr. Speaker, it was with great sadness and a sense of personal loss that I learned of the passing of my friend and colleague JOHN KLUCZYNSKI. I have known and

worked with JOHN for several years in many areas of common interest and I know what a great Congressman he was. This House will miss him, but it is certainly better for his having been among us.

"KLU" as we called him, made a life of public service. Following service to his country in World War I, he began a legislative career which was to span 40 years. For nearly two decades he served the people of Cook County, Ill., in the State legislature in Springfield. Because of his dedication and reputation for hard work and attention to the problems of individual citizens, he was widely encouraged to run for Congress. For almost a quarter of a century, JOHN KLUCZYNSKI represented a portion of the city of Chicago in Congress.

His record during that period is distinguished in many ways. His legislative leadership was most prominently illustrated through his efforts in drafting initial and subsequent legislation to create our highly successful Interstate Highway System. These "superhighways" not only brought the cities and people of our Nation closer together, but they also made the highways of our country much safer through advanced engineering and construction.

KLU had another area of special interest, the small businessman. Although he represented a large metropolitan area with many major industries and corporations, he never overlooked the needs of the small businessman.

These special interests led JOHN to excel in his efforts as a member of the Public Works Committee and the Select Small Business Committee. It was my privilege to serve on the Public Works Committee with KLU and especially to work closely with him on transportation matters. From this personal relationship, I know what a dedicated and resourceful man he was. As chairman of the Transportation Subcommittee, he was widely recognized as fair and courteous in his efforts to bring together opposing viewpoints. Furthermore, he handled with ease the important task of being chairman of the Committee on the House Restaurant.

Perhaps JOHN is best remembered by his fellow Members of Congress for his good humor, his pleasant manner, and his cheerfulness. KLU was a happy person who enjoyed his work and was deeply devoted to his family and his friends.

To his wife Estelle, Albra and I extend our deepest sympathy at this time of personal grief. She can be comforted in knowing that KLU was an outstanding Congressman, one who always "went the

extra mile" and fully carried out the many duties of his office, fulfilling the trust so appropriately placed in him.

Mr. HARSHA. Mr. Speaker, I would like to join with my colleagues in paying tribute to our friend and colleague JOHN KLUCZYNSKI.

It was with a great sense of sadness and personal loss that I learned of KLU's passing, and I know he will be greatly missed and sincerely mourned by his many friends here in the House.

KLU was a dedicated public servant who served the people of his area for more than 40 years—first in the Illinois State Legislature and for the past 24 years in the House of Representatives. The people of the Fifth Congressional District were indeed fortunate to have a man of his character and ability represent them in the Congress, and he served them faithfully and well.

As ranking minority member of the House Committee on Public Works and Transportation I had the opportunity of knowing and working closely with KLU. He served as chairman of the Subcommittee on Transportation and, in this capacity, contributed greatly not only to the people of Illinois whom he represented so effectively but to the entire Nation. He was a strong supporter of the Interstate Highway System and a staunch defender of the highway trust fund. It was my privilege and pleasure to work closely with him on highway legislation and other matters coming within the jurisdicton of the committee, and I always found him to be knowledgeable, cooperative, and helpful. Although we were men of differing political philosophies, we became good friends, and I felt a high degree of respect and a feeling of deep affection for him.

KLU was a gentle man who had a great zest and enjoyment of life. He was a good natured person of warmth and compassion who genuinely cared for his fellow man. We were privileged to have him in our midst, and I know that he will be sorely missed in the days ahead.

I would like to take this means of expressing my deepest sympathy to his wife and the other members of his family.

Mr. SIKES. Mr. Speaker, I was shocked and grieved, as were so many of my colleagues, at the untimely death of our beloved and distinguished colleague, JOHN KLUCZYNSKI. Even though he had been in ill health for months, we could not bring ourselves to the thought that he might suddenly and without warning be taken from

us. His passing left a great void in the House. He was truly a respected and able Member.

JOHN KLUCZYNSKI's biographical sketch in the Congressional Directory is one of the briefest among all those printed. It states that he was elected to the Illinois State House in 1932 and served there 16 consecutive years, he was elected in 1948 to the Illinois State Senate; was elected to the 82d Congress in 1950, and reelected to each succeeding Congress.

This gives only a hint of the solidarity and dependabiltiy and capability of JOHN KLUCZYNSKI. To learn the true facts about him, it was necessary to know him, to know of his friendliness, his uniform courtesy, and his respected accomplishments in the House of Representatives. He was a good man for Congress, a strong leader in Congress, and a gifted legislator for the Nation.

America needs men like JOHN KLUCZYNSKI and those who knew him and served with him realize this best of all. We miss him and his good works. Those of us who served with him are enriched by our memories of him and our friendship with him. These memories and his contributions to good government will live long in the annals of Congress.

Mr. HOWARD. Mr. Speaker, today as we rise to pay tribute to our great friend, the late JOHN C. KLUCZYNSKI, much of our sadness is overriden by the many delights and profound feeling of good will which we shared as friends of JOHNNY KLU.

When I first came to the Congress in 1965, I was assigned to the former Subcommittee on Roads of the then House Committee on Public Works, and had my first opportunity to meet with Mr. KLU. At first, I must admit, I approached him with great trepidation. Obviously, I thought, he was not going to be part of the "new frontier" politics which first interested me in public service. He was, I thought, maybe too old to serve as a subcommittee chairman. And, of course I could not help but wonder how I could work closely with this cigar-puffing product of a powerful political machine.

Mr. Speaker, how wrong my original reservations were.

No sooner was I assigned to the subcommittee than JOHNNY KLU befriended me. He had not, despite his years in the Congress, been here too long to remember the deep feelings of anxiety which all freshmen feel about becoming Members of Congress and which all of us try so hard to conceal.

"I know how you feel, Jim," Mr. KLU said to me, "and I'll do everything I can to make it easier for you," he continued.

And JOHNNY KLU did just that.

When important legislative programs were reported out of our subcommittee and onto the floor, Mr. KLU made sure I was assigned part of the legislation to manage and speak in support of on the floor.

"And make sure you let your constituents know about it, too," the sage subcommittee chairman would say.

Because of my assignment to his subcommittee, I had the privilege of staying in close contact with Mr. KLU, both in the Halls of Congress and on several factfinding trips. He never ceased to amaze me with his vigor, with his great sense of humor, and with his feeling of deep dedication to his country and to his fellow man.

And so today, as we pay tribute to our great friend, I express my deep sorrow to his family and friends. But I feel a great sense of excitement and good will, also, because it was that feeling that JOHNNY KLU always generated. Those of us who had the privilege of knowing JOHNNY KLU are better people for that experience.

Mr. STEED. Mr. Speaker, it is with sorrow that we note the passing of our old and treasured friend, JOHN KLUCZYNSKI.

JOHN came to Congress in my second term and I followed him onto the great Public Works Committee. For the next 5 years we sat side by side on the committee and participated in some very important legislative work. During this time we completed the long delayed work in the St. Lawrence Seaway authorization bill and 3 hard years of work on the Interstate Highway Act, the largest single public works project in history.

These experiences welded a friendship that grew and endured throughout all his years here. He always proved a true and faithful worker and friend. He had a great sense of humor and I had the pleasure of sharing many wonderful leisure hours, in addition to our working schedules, with him.

It is often said of unusual men: "He was one of a kind. There will never be another like him." "KLU," as he was affectionately known, certainly was an unusual fellow. He performed his work, he enjoyed his life and kept the faith.

My wife joins me in extending our heartfelt sympathy to his lovely wife. We have lost a revered friend and our country has lost an outstanding public servant.

Mrs. COLLINS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, it was with a deep sense of personal regret that I learned of the passing of JOHN C. KLUCZYNSKI.

Mr. KLU, as he was affectionately known, represented the Fifth Congressional District of Chicago which borders the southern part of my district in Chicago. His record of public service began in 1933 when he was elected to the Illinois House where he spent 16 years before becoming a member of the senate in 1948. A year later he was elected to Congress where he earned the respect and support of all his colleagues for his superb knowledge of the legislative process.

It was my pleasure to work with him on the Public Works Committee where he served as chairman of the Subcommittee on Roads and later the Subcommittee on Transportation—both of which had responsibility for highway legislation. He led the battle in the House for legislation which has resulted in Federal assistance to States and local governments for the development and/or improvement of their mass transit systems.

We will all miss Mr. KLU for his kindness, leadership, and invaluable assistance; and will remember his wit and wisdom, which transcended this legislative body for over 24 years. My deepest condolences go to his wife Stephanie and his brother Thomas.

Mr. COTTER. Mr. Speaker, the death of JOHN KLUCZYNSKI, my friend and colleague from Illinois, took from the House a special man. KLU's personal qualities and his lifelong commitment to this country and his fellow citizens always stood out.

In many ways, JOHN KLUCZYNSKI was a unique example of our American success story. His father was an immigrant from Poland and JOHN grew up in the big-city environment of hard-working people, building a future in their new country. As a young man, KLU worked in the giant stockyards of Chicago before he left to serve with the Army in World War I in Europe. After the war, he returned to Chicago and played a major role in the growth of the Democratic Party in that city, involving many of his fellow Polish Americans in the party and their government.

In the early 1930's he was elected to the Illinois State Legislature and served in both the house and the senate, until his election to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1950. He served well as a member of the Public Works Committee and was strongly involved in the leg-

islation to build the St. Lawrence Seaway. JOHN also became the chairman of the Subcommittee on Transportation.

JOHN had a noteworthy and distinguished career in the House. But above all, I remember JOHN's personal qualities. He was a warm, gentle, and considerate man. He was a gentleman, friendly to all he met. The pressures of public service during difficult times never robbed JOHN KLUCZYNSKI of his kind and warm character.

JOHN was a special man. His life was one of continuous public service. His nature was that of a truly good man. We will all miss him.

Mr. RODINO. Mr. Speaker, I was grieved to learn of the passing of one of my dear colleagues, JOHN KLUCZYNSKI. His irreplaceable good humor and congeniality as well as his extensive legislative experience will be sorely needed in the coming months of decision and debate within the Halls of Congress. I extend my sympathy to Mrs. Kluczynski and her family during this most difficult time. I know that we will all miss JOHN greatly.

Mr. HAMMERSCHMIDT. Mr. Speaker, over the years, during my service in the Congress, I have attached a special sense of value and privilege to my friendship with our late colleague, JOHN C. KLUCZYNSKI.

Mr. KLU was a very special individual, who inspired such a bond of friendship. He was—and I cannot think of a more apt description—a good man, a kind person. Never once did I hear him say an unkind word about anyone. And, in remembering him, there are only kind things to say.

It was my pleasure and privilege to have served with JOHN KLUCZYNSKI on the House Public Works Committee and on the Transportation Subcommittee. This association brought me the good fortune of having the opportunity to work closely with him.

I remember in particular the time Mr. KLU accompanied me to my district in Arkansas, where he attended committee field hearings that were being held. He took an active interest in the welfare and concerns of the Third District of Arkansas. It was the same kind of active and genuine interest that he took in everything and everyone.

During the course of that trip to Arkansas, our late beloved Governor, Winthrop Rockefeller, hosted the congressional delegation and their staff on Petit Jean Mountain at an official dinner.

The Governor toasted a warm welcome, as we all sat grouped around the long table at the Governor's home. It was an impressive gathering and a memorable occasion.

Mr. KLU commented to Governor Rockefeller that every weekend he went to his home district in Chicago to be with his wife and his constituents. But on this occasion, as a courtesy to John Paul Hammerschmidt, he decided to venture into the rural countryside.

JOHN KLUCZYNSKI had always given his support to legislation in behalf of the farming community and he held a keen interest in the agricultural economy of the Nation.

But, after Mr. KLU's experience as a guest at the beautiful Winrock Farm on Petit Jean Mountain, JOHN KLUCZYNSKI told Governor Rockefeller that he was having second thoughts about how farmers lived and he wondered if he had been voting right all those years?

He and the Governor became close friends.

Mr. Speaker, that was the nature of my friend, Mr. KLU—a warm, kind man, with a keen sense of humor and immense integrity. It goes without saying that his presence will be sorely missed and his moderate voice will leave a permanent void in this body, which sometimes seems a cacophony of differing voices. Nevertheless, it merits repeating. JOHN KLUCZYNSKI will be missed. His unique style of effectiveness in the Congress will not likely be replaced.

Mr. ANNUNZIO. Mr. Speaker, it is with a sad heart that I join my colleagues from Illinois and from the entire Nation to pay tribute to a friend of 35 years—JOHN KLUCZYNSKI.

I have known JOHN as a friend and as a coworker in the Democratic Party of Cook County. He was a distinguished member of the Illinois State Legislature for some 17 years and was elected in 1950 to the 82d Congress of the United States where he gave conscientious and dedicated service for almost a quarter of a century.

JOHN was a very warm, compassionate, and friendly man. He was affectionately known in Springfield, in Chicago, and in Washington as "BIG KLU." During the last 11 years that I have had the privilege of serving with him in the House of Representatives, I have personally witnessed what a tower of strength he has been for the Illinois delegation, the people of our city, and the citizens of our Nation.

Known as the father of our Interstate Highway System, he worked long and hard on this system so that today it is 90 percent completed.

Although he was recognized as a strong supporter of our highway system, nonetheless, as American lifestyles began to change, he was keenly aware of these profound changes which focused attention on new and different needs of the American people, and he rose to the occasion by advocating the breaking open of the highway trust fund so that the cities of America, which were choking to death in urban congestion, could make use of these desperately needed moneys to develop fast, efficient, and inexpensive mass transportation systems.

JOHN KLUCZYNSKI leaves us at a time when our country is undergoing deep social and economic changes, and I am sure in the years ahead, as we all work diligently to resolve the problems created by these changes, that the contribution JOHN made to our Interstate Highway System and to mass transportation will serve as the cornerstone for achieving effective solutions.

JOHN will be sorely missed by the Illinois delegation which has lost a comrade, a devoted friend, a counselor, and above all, a truly great American. In behalf of my wife, Angie, and myself, I want to extend our deepest sympathy to his beloved wife, Estelle, and to his two brothers, Joe; and Tom, a justice of the Illinois Supreme Court.

Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, January 28, 1975, the Washington Post carried an article by Jack Eisen, Washington Post staff writer, on the life and accomplishments of our departed colleague which I now ask unanimous consent to insert in the Congressional Record. The article follows:

[From the Washington Post, Jan. 28, 1975]

HEAD OF HILL UNIT ON HIGHWAYS DIES

(By Jack Eisen)

Rep. JOHN C. KLUCZYNSKI (D-Ill.), chairman of the House subcommittee that handles highway legislation and a wheelhorse of the Chicago Democratic organization, died Sunday night in Chicago after a heart attack.

The 79-year-old lawmaker complained of a fever on Saturday, an aide said, but refused to call a doctor. About 10:30 p.m. Sunday, he got out of bed in his home to get a drink of water, collapsed and died. He had planned to fly to Washington yesterday afternoon.

Chicago Mayor Richard J. Daley, leader of the Cook County Democrats, who was a lifelong neighbor and a congressional constitutent of KLUCZYNSKI, said he was saddened by the death.

"Our nation has lost an outstanding congressman," Daley said. "Our city has lost a great Polish-American leader and I have lost a very dear friend."

As chairman of the Public Works Committee's Subcommittee on Roads, renamed the Subcommittee on Transportation in 1973, Rep. Kluczynski was a leading supporter of the interstate highway program. When it came under attack from environmentalists, he sprung to its defense.

He was an architect of a series of highway bills, enacted over protests by many Washington area citizens, that were designed to force construction of the Three Sisters Bridge across the Potomac River and of other segments of the highway system locally.

Those bills led to the long freeway subway impasse that held up work for several years on the Metro rail rapid transit system. Like many highway-oriented lawmakers, Rep. Kluczynski contended he was for both roads and rails, but for neither exclusively.

The Washington area highway laws, still on the books, have been challenged politically and in the courts. Most of the disputed roads remain unbuilt today.

For years, it was an article of faith for Rep. Kluczynski that the highway trust fund, raised chiefly from gasoline taxes, should not be tapped for mass transit. Under pressure from Mayor Daley, worried about the cost of improving the city's rail transit system, Rep. Kluczynski abruptly switched positions in 1973, paving the way for more liberal federal aid to transit.

In background and appearance, Rep. Kluczynski was the archetype of and old-fashioned big-city ethnic politician.

Of medium height, he weighed close to 250 pounds, and had a ruddy round face topped with white hair. He was rarely seen without the unlighted butt of a cigar clenched between his teeth.

Long before former President Nixon made it fashionable, Rep. Kluczynski wore a jeweled American flag in his lapel. At meetings where he presided, he often told witnesses that "We are an all-American committee."

Born of a Polish-born father and a mother of Polish extraction, Rep. Kluczynski worked as a youth in the famed stockyards near his home. He served with the Army's artillery in France during World War I. He drove a truck after returning home.

In 1932, he was elected to the first of eight two-year terms in the lower house of the Illinois legislature. In 1948, he was elected to the State Senate, resigning the following year to seek election to Congress from a new district created by reapportionment.

Rep. Kluczynski also owned a restaurant, catering business and bar called the Syrena in Chicago. The restaurant was closed a few years ago, but the bar remained in operation. Rep. Kluczynski could be found there on weekends, meeting with constitutents.

Partly because of his restaurant background, Rep. Kluczynski was chosen by his congressional colleagues to head a specal committee to oversee the operation of the House restaurants and cafeterias. He dropped in regularly for pie and coffee.

He also was the third-ranking Democrat in seniority on the House Small Business Committee, and was a member of many fraternal, veterans' and Roman Catholic organizations. His home here was in the Congressional Hotel.

After the death of his first wife, Rep. KLUCZYNSKI married the former Stephanie Estelle Plowy in 1939. They had no children. He also is survived by two brothers, Joseph, of Chicago, and Thomas, a justice of the Illinois Supreme Court in Springfield.

Mr. ANDERSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to join my colleagues today to pay tribute to the memory of JOHN C. KLUCZYNSKI, or "KLU" as he was affectionately known to many of us in Congress.

JOHN's passing brought to a close a distinguished career in public life, one that was marked by dedication, service, and a human warmth that will long be remembered by his friends. I was honored to serve with him on the Public Works Committee and on the Transportation Subcommittee where he served as chairman. His leadership and effectiveness was in no small way due not only to his expertise in the field, but in the friendship that he radiated. His human qualities of concern, feeling, and devotion shall be remembered as long as his considerable legislative accomplishments.

KLU served in the House of Representatives for almost 25 years, representing the people of the Fifth District in Chicago in an extraordinarily effective manner. Before coming to Congress, he had been a distinguished member of the Illinois State Assembly since 1933, leaving that position in 1950 when he arrived in Washington. JOHN's 42 years as a legislator were marked by personal effectiveness and devotion to the people of his district.

JOHN was more than a Representative elected in an impersonal way by his constituents: he was one of them. And in all his years in public service, he never forgot it. He held onto his roots with his working class community; he was proud of it, and he served them well.

The Nation will also miss JOHN KLUCZYNSKI. It was his leadership that resulted in many of the country's measures on small business, on which he drew upon his personal background as a restaurant owner for insight and knowledge that few persons could match. As chairman of the Transportation Subcommittee he was responsible for many of the highways that bind our country together.

My wife Lee joins me in expressing our sincere condolences to JOHN's wife, Estelle, and his brothers Joseph and the Honorable Thomas E. Kluczynski, who serves as a supreme court justice for the State of Illinois.

Mr. EDWARDS of California. Mr. Speaker, I join today my fellow House Members in expressing my deep sorrow over the unexpected passing of JOHN KLUCZYNSKI, the distinguished dean of the Chicago delegation here. JOHNNY will certainly be well remembered not only as a committed and effective Congressman, but also as a fine man.

I have known JOHNNY for a long time, and will greatly miss him. I always found him to be a most interesting and pleasant individual, one for whom I have very high regard and admiration.

JOHNNY KLUCZYNSKI has been a dedicated public servant for over 40 years. A butcher's son, he worked his way up to become, in 1951, the Representative of Illinois' Fifth Congressional District, the district in which he was born and raised. He served his constituents very devotedly and successfully.

As the chairman of the Public Works Subcommittee on Transportation, JOHNNY played an important role in the development of our Interstate Highway System. Also a member of the Small Business Committee and the former House Restaurant Committee, he approached all his work in Congress ably and diligently. His contributions to our Nation have been numerous, and JOHNNY KLU will surely be recalled as an outstanding and well-respected legislator.

JOHNNY KLUCZYNSKI's death is a great loss for everyone, but especially for those of us who knew him and served with him. I extend my heartfelt sympathies to his wife Estelle and the rest of his family.

Mr. RUSSO. Mr. Speaker, I did not know JOHN KLUCZYNSKI long in terms of time. I served with him, as a colleague in the House, for an even shorter period of time—a mere 13 days.

However, I knew JOHNNY KLU well enough to realize that there were no limits to the depth of his friendship, to the extent of his human compassion and concern, to his generosity for others. Even a 2-week period was sufficient to come to understand the great affection Mr. KLU felt for the House of Representatives. His was an epic career. He left us in the 25th year of his service here. Prior to election to Congress he served in the Illinois House and Senate for 18 years. His first plunge into the turbulent waters of the political stream was as a candidate in the Democratic primary of April 1924. He lost. It was to be the last time JOHN KLUCZYNSKI lost an election. His amazing record of 44 successful primary and general election

campaigns is almost beyond belief for someone like myself who is only beginning his political journey. This record, I think, signifies something more. It is a tribute to a man's understanding of and communication with his people. Therein lies a great lesson for new Members of this House. KLU kept in touch with his people.

But, how did he do this so effectively, for so long, and in such a unique manner? His secret, it really seems to me, was disarmingly simple. In this day of mass communication, sophisticated polling, and high-pressure media techniques, JOHN KLUCZYNSKI kept close to his people because he was one of them. He was "real." He was "authentic." He left the South Side of Chicago every Monday to attend his duties in Washington, but the South Side never left him.

His strengths were the strengths of that mixed bag of culture, religion, and economics which is urban America. He was frank, honorable, and honest. And in less than a year, I came to realize that his heart beat for all mankind—regardless of party, race, creed, or nationality. He spoke well for the people, for he was truly of the people. While the great mass of middle America has few pretenses, JOHNNY KLU had none. At this same time, he was what America is supposed to be about. He came from poverty and made it. Like myself and many others, he had one of those different sounding names and yet was able to win the opportunity to add his best talents to struggle to make justice and solace a more manifest reality in the lives of the people he loved.

All in all, it seems to me that KLU's approach to public service amounted to a pretty good standard by which those of us just beginning our tenure here could measure the usefulness of our public life. Thus, KLU—who had no sons and daughters of his own—leaves a legacy for his younger colleagues in this House he loved so well. Not many of us are apt to win 40 elections in the next 50 years, but we can make sure we remember why we are here—to serve our people with selflessness and dedication.

There are many stories about this legendary and unique man. These are better left for telling to those who had the privilege and the joy of sharing his lighter moments—and there were many of these with JOHN KLUCZYNSKI.

I simply wanted to take a few moments to reflect on and to thank a kind man for the time he had for me. When I first met KLU, I had the distinction of being a candidate for Congress from a district where

all the knowledgeable folks felt a Whig would have a better chance than a Democrat. But KLU had time for this novice and advised that I "give it everything I had." He was always generous with time, counsel, and encouragement throughout my campaign and up to the time he left us.

His kindness, generosity, openness, and authenticity will always remain a standard for my own conduct. I hope, in time, that I can emulate this good man. But now, I simply wish to say "thanks"—I regret we could not have tarried together longer in the work we love and you will be missed, Mr. KLU.

Mr. O'BRIEN. Mr. Speaker, the recent death of our colleague, JOHN KLUCZYNSKI, was a loss to us all. It is appropriate that we are now taking time to pay tribute to his memory.

A member of a distinguished Chicago family, "JOHNNY KLU" chose a political career. He began his career in 1932 as so many of us have, in the State assembly, serving first as a representative for 16 consecutive years. In 1948 he was elected to the Illinois State Senate but resigned a year later to represent Illinois here in these Chambers.

As a member of the Public Works Committee, JOHN played a key role in developing highway legislation that has helped to improve roads not only in our own State of Illinois but throughout the Nation. Throughout his career, JOHN was a hard worker highly regarded on both sides of the aisle as a tough opponent and a good friend.

But JOHNNY KLU could dish up more than legislation. Back in his native Chicago, he also owned the Syrena Restaurant noted for its good food and friendly atmosphere.

Although I was not a longtime friend of his, I shall miss JOHN and miss his humor and advice as well. I extend my deepest sympathies to his family.

Mr. PRICE. Mr. Speaker, today is a day of mixed emotions for all Members of this House as we pay tribute to our late colleague Congressman JOHN KLUCZYNSKI, of Illinois. I feel deep sadness at the passing of my friend and colleague of so many years, and yet I am proud to be able to add my personal tribute to the memory of so great a legislator.

JOHNNY KLU was my friend—as he was a friend to those who knew him: to his colleagues on both sides of the aisle, to rich and poor, to the famous and the least known. He devoted his life to making this a better Nation, beginning his public career in 1932 as a member of the Illinois State Legislature and the State senate, where he served with distinction. He gained the respect of so many of his constituents that in 1951 he was sent by the people of his Fifth Illinois District to represent them in the U.S. House of Representatives. It is a mark of the esteem in which he was held that Congressman KLUCZYNSKI was returned to his seat from this district for 24 years.

JOHN did not practice the type of politics which helped only his own immediate area. Rather, in his work on the House Small Business Committee and the House Public Works Committee, he supported legislation which would better the Nation as a whole. Indeed, our excellent Federal highway system is a tribute to JOHN'S sense of caring for the entire country.

As we in Congress face the troubled times that lie ahead, we will miss JOHNNY KLU'S strength, leadership, and friendship, as will the people of Chicago whom he so ably represented.

Mrs. Price and I extend our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Kluczynski and her family at their loss.

Mr. FUQUA. Mr. Speaker, the passing of Representative JOHN KLUCZYNSKI ends a distinguished career which began with his election to the Illinois State Legislature in 1932 and continued almost without interruption until the beginning of this Congress.

It is a tribute to his ability and personality that allowed him to serve in public office, beginning the year before I was born, and continuing into the seventies.

Chicago is one of the great metropolises of the world. JOHN KLUCZYNSKI was a product of that urban society. He was concerned about his people and what the future would bring in areas of mass transportation, pollution, and urban decay.

He leaves a void in our midst. I shall personally miss his presence and friendship.

Forty-two years of public service is a long time. Most remarkable were the accomplishments that Congressman KLUCZYNSKI crammed in that period of service, and he leaves a host of friends in this Chamber who genuinely mourn his passing.

Mr. EILBERG. Mr. Speaker, I knew JOHN well as a warm, spontaneous representative of the people, always ready and able with a bit of wry, sage advice for his younger colleagues. Old JOHN once helped me over the painful hurdle of a particular birthday I gloomily was trying to forget.

Three days after this particular birthday, his own 75th birthday celebration occurred. When I dropped by his House office to extend well wishes, Congressman KLUCZYNSKI was entertaining his fellows and staff with the following pronouncement of his own secret to a productive life at an advanced age:

I rise each day at 5 a.m., exercise, shower, get to the office at 7 a.m., work like an S.O.B. representing my constituents till 8 at night; then I go drink and play cards till 2 or 3 in the morning for relaxation and begin again tomorrow.

JOHN KLUCZYNSKI lived in Chicago his entire life and vigorously represented his constituents there for 24 years. It was my privilege to know him well. I would offer the following tribute in his memory:

EULOGY TO THE HONORABLE JOHN C. KLUCZYNSKI

"The memory of the just," writes the author of the Book of Proverbs, "is blessed." These words from Scripture may serve as a fitting commentary on the life and achievement of the late JOHN C. KLUCZYNSKI, friend, colleague, patriot. A man of character and of individuality, JOHN KLUCZYNSKI gave distinguished service to State and Nation alike for over four decades.

Born in Chicago in 1896 to a father born in Poland and a mother of Polish descent, he took great and justified pride in his Polish-American heritage, and in his close association over the years with the many ethnic communities who constitute the city of Chicago with its rich diversity of race, creed, and nationality. As a young man he worked in that city's famous stockyards; later he drove a truck. Throughout his life he remained a man of the people and took pleasure in never losing the common touch. He served in the First World War in France with the Army Artillery.

His public career began in 1932, the year in which Franklin D. Roosevelt was first elected President. Elected in that historic year to the General Assembly of Illinois, he served for 8 two-year terms, a total of 16 years. In 1942 he was elected to the State Senate, and in 1949 he resigned to run for Congress. He won election to the House of Representatives, in which he served with distinction for 24 years until his passing last Sunday.

A dedicated believer in the two-party system, he was a loyal Democrat, active in the Party organization for most of his life, and he maintained his ties with the "Back of the Yards" grass-roots community in his home city. Widely respected and invariably good-humored, he was proud of his religious and ethnic background, devoted to his family and to his Country, and tireless in his service in this House. He was a member of innumerable

Catholic, veterans' and fraternal bodies. In Chicago he owned a prosperous restaurant, catering service, and bar, and the experience thus acquired helped him in his role as head of a special committee charged in 1969 with overseeing the operations of the House restaurant and cafeterias, which he patronized regularly. He concerned himself with raising the quality of both food and service, collecting unpaid bills, and keeping costs down—concerns from which Members and taxpayers all have benefited.

As Chairman of the Public Works Committee's Subcommittee on Roads, renamed the Subcommittee on Transportation in 1973, he gave vigorous support to the Federal interstate highway program, sponsoring a series of highway bills over the years. He believed, as he often said, in both roads and rails, but in neither to the exclusion of the other. He was also the third-ranking Democrat on the House Small Business Committee. In recent years, he recognized the need of urban areas for greater flexibility in determining how to spend their Federal transportation dollars, and he responded to that need in the case of the rail transit system.

A man of great personal warmth and dedicated public service, he will long be remembered in Congress and in his District with affection and respect. To his widow, Stephanie, to his brothers, and to all his family and friends I extend my deepest sympathy, knowing that they (and we) are sustained by the inspiration of his life. The memory of the just is indeed blessed.

Mr. MAZZOLI. Mr. Speaker, I would like to add my voice to those of my colleagues who have paid tribute to our late friend, Representative JOHN KLUCZYNSKI.

"Mr. KLU" as he was fondly called, was a dedicated Member of the House for nearly a quarter century. And he brought to this Chamber nearly two decades of experience in the Illinois State Legislature.

JOHN KLUCZYNSKI's pleasant manner, hard work, and unfailing good humor will be sorely missed by this body.

I join my colleagues in offering condolences to his beloved wife and his bereaved family.

Mr. ERLENBORN. Mr. Speaker, we do honor today to JOHN C. KLUCZYNSKI, a quiet gentleman and an effective Member of this body. He died a few weeks ago, full of years and full of accomplishment.

First, in the Illinois House of Representatives, then in the Illinois Senate, and finally in the U.S. House of Representatives, JOHN KLUCZYNSKI served his fellow man for more than 40 years. He served well, and ofttimes with great skill but never with any ostentation or bombast.

He was a kindly man, and we in Illinois will miss him.

Mr. Speaker, I extend my condolences to the Kluczynski family.

Mr. ROYBAL. Mr. Speaker, I join with my colleagues in paying tribute to the memory of the late Congressman JOHN KLUCZYNSKI of Illinois' Fifth District. His many friends here in Congress will certainly miss this cheerful and jovial man who had achieved such respected stature in the House of Representatives.

Over 40 years of his adult life were dedicated to serving the people of Illinois and of the Nation. He was elected to the Illinois State Legislature in 1932, to the State Senate in 1948, and to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1950.

While in Congress, JOHN was instrumental in the development of the Nation's Federal highway system. He provided invaluable service to the Nation in all areas of public transportation in his capacity as chairman of the Subcommittee on Transportation of the House Public Works Committee. JOHN was a distinguished member of the Committee on Small Business and made our lunchtime more pleasant through his efforts as chairman of the House restaurant.

But probably the most interesting aspect of JOHN's life is the humble beginnings from which this dedicated public servant came. His father was a Polish immigrant, who instilled in his four sons the meaning of hard work, humility, and service to others. JOHN was a credit to the teachings of his father and an example of the greatness which can be achieved by each American.

JOHN KLUCZYNSKI served his constituents faithfully and well, first in the Illinois State Legislature and then for 24 years in the U.S. Congress. It is, indeed, with great sadness that we now mark the passing of this fine legislator, colleague, and friend, who worked so hard to create a better life for all Americans.

Mr. BELL. Mr. Speaker, I join with my colleagues in the House in expressing my regret over the death of JOHN KLUCZYNSKI of Illinois. His leadership and hard work on the Restaurant, Small Business, and Public Works Committees will be sorely missed. His dedication and fine work in behalf of the people of Illinois will be difficult to replace. I wish to extend my sincere condolences to his family on this sad occasion.

Ms. ABZUG. Mr. Speaker, JOHNNY KLU, as his friends affectionately called him, was a warm, genial, friendly person. He was a man of deep moral convictions who was extremely loyal to his causes. Of medium height, he had a ruddy round face topped with white hair.

He was rarely seen without the unlighted cigar clenched between his teeth.

Congressman "KLU's" whole life was the Congress and the many friendships he so greatly cherished.

As chairman of the Public Works Committee's Subcommittee on Roads, renamed the Subcommittee on Transportation in 1973, Representative KLUCZYNSKI was a leading supporter of the interstate highway program. Today our highway system is a tribute to his foresight.

JOHN KLUCZYNSKI's biographical sketch in the Congressional Directory is one of the briefest among all those printed. It states that he was elected to the Illinois State Legislature in 1932; he served 18 consecutive years; he was elected in 1948 to the Illinois State Senate, was elected to the 82d Congress in 1950, and reelected to each succeeding Congress.

This gives only a hint of the modesty of the man. To learn the true facts about JOHN KLUCZYNSKI, it was necessary to know him, to know of his friendliness, his uniform courtesy, and his respected accomplishments in the House of Representatives.

He was a good man for Congress, a strong leader in Congress, and a gifted legislator for the Nation.

America needs men like JOHNNY KLU, because it is men of this caliber who have made this country grow and prosper. Those of us who served with him have been enriched by our friendship with him.

As we paid homage to Congressman KLUCZYNSKI in the committee resolution, we are saddened by his absence and the void that his death has left. He will be sorely missed by all who knew him and who worked closely with him as I did on the House Public Works Committee.

Mr. CLEVELAND. Mr. Speaker, it is most fitting that we set aside this moment to pay tribute to the memory of a colleague who so fully merited our respect as a legislator and warm regard as a personal friend.

The people of this Nation are deeply indebted to JOHN KLUCZYNSKI for his leadership in development of a truly national highway system for this country. In this he was sensitive to the needs of rural areas and our great cities, and the extent to which highways are capable of serving them.

But "Mr. KLU" also brought to the Committee on Public Works and Transportation other qualities which contributed to the committee and the quality of its work. I refer to his spirit of cooperation, absence of abrasive partisanship, respect for colleagues as representatives of legitimate constituent interests, unfailing good humor, and an occasionally self-deprecatory wit.

These are the qualities which I came to value during 12 years of service with JOHNNY KLU on the committee. They, as well as his depth of knowledge in his legislative field, will be greatly missed. The colleagues he leaves behind can best pay tribute to his memory and serve the Nation by preserving this legacy.

To Mrs. Kluczynski and other members of his family, I extend my sympathy and respect.

Mr. CEDERBERG. Mr. Speaker, it is with a very real sense of personal loss that I take this opportunity to join my colleagues in expressing sorrow at the passing of my good friend from Chicago, JOHN KLUCZYNSKI.

"JOHNNY KLU" was a special man. There is no Member of this body who was not at some time touched by his gracious good humor and friendliness. I had the special treat to have had the office across the hall from him in the Rayburn Building over the years and to have experienced this side of our good friend constantly. His passing is having one of the bright lights in this all too pressure-packed atmosphere missing.

But we would be remiss if we did not also recall KLU's genuine legislative achievements. His record of service on the Public Works Committee, especially his leadership of the Subcommittee on Transportation, leaves an outstanding and tangible memorial to his concern for the welfare and safety of the public. Further, his attention to the needs of smaller businesses through his service on that committee as chairman of its subcommittee dealing with smaller urban areas recalls vividly his concern and attention to detail in spite of the major urban population he represented so well. This dedication and devotion to the work of the House earned him a well-deserved reputation of leadership among his colleagues. His sage advice and friendly counsel will be missed.

Forty-two years of public service, 24 of them in the U.S. Congress, speaks for itself. Total dedication, unselfish service, and deep con-

cern for those he represented marked JOHNNY KLU's performance while in public office. His constituents, the city of Chicago, and the State of Illinois, not to say anything of the Congress and the Nation, will sorely miss this almost legendary figure.

To his lovely wife, Estelle, and to his close friends, Mrs. Cederberg and I extend our deep-felt sorrow and unbounded sympathy. We sincerely hope that your grief and sorrow will soon pass and that you will share with us a memory of KLU that speaks of pride and distinction.

Mr. HENDERSON. Mr. Speaker, the untimely passing of JOHN KLUCZYNSKI will be mourned by all of us who were his friends and colleagues in the Congress for so many years.

For almost a quarter of a century, this man gave unstintingly of himself to serve the people of his native Chicago and the wider constituency of the Nation he loved so well.

I have had the good fortune to be associated closely with Mr. KLU, to share his friendship, and to profit from the wise counsel and guidance he gave so generously to all who came his way.

This good and great man has left many monuments to his long years of public service, but his most lasting memorial will be the host of friends he gathered around him in his lifetime—friends whose lives were warmed and enriched by his company and who will remember him always.

My heartfelt sympathy goes out to JOHNNY KLU's family. God bless him.

Mr. CONTE. Mr. Speaker, it is with a very heavy heart that I join with my colleagues today in saluting our late, beloved comrade, Congressman JOHN C. KLUCZYNSKI. I want to thank my colleagues from Illinois, Mr. Rostenkowski and Mr. Price, for scheduling this time of tribute to a man that I admired and had great personal affection for.

The phrase "man of the people" is tossed about willy-nilly. But when directed toward JOHN KLUCZYNSKI it stuck. The characterization is exact. My colleagues know that I serve as ranking minority member of the House Committee on Small Business. One of the ablest subcommittee chairmen on this committee was "JOHNNY KLU." He chaired the Subcommittee on Small Business Problems in Smaller Towns and Urban Areas. It was a natural role for him to fulfill. A

small businessman all his life, his was a concern for the small industry, the small retailer, the small serviceman that ran deep.

As chairman, he took his subcommittee to rural and urban areas throughout the country—to Illinois, California, New York, Utah, Tennessee, Kansas, New Mexico, Colorado, and Georgia.

Speaking of the latter State, Georgia, reminds me of an incident that I think will illustrate what kind of man JOHN KLUCZYNSKI was and how much concern he had for the small businessman.

On this occasion, the Small Business Committee staff had scheduled hearings to be held in downtown Atlanta. When Chairman KLUCZYNSKI heard this he said:

"We want to go out into the field—that is where the real small business problems are."

He shepherded the subcommittee out to a hardware store. Picking up a couple of wooden planks, he laid them across two kegs of nails. And from that hearing table, using nail kegs for chairs, JOHN KLUCZYNSKI and his subcommittee listened all day to the problems of Georgia's small businessmen. That is the kind of chairman he was and that was the kind of work he did.

I also want to mention JOHN KLUCZYNSKI's advocacy on behalf of small businessmen faced with Federal problems. Better than anyone else, he could stand up for the "mom and pop" store during the 1960's when their existence was threatened by the Federal bulldozer of urban renewal. It was JOHN KLUCZYNSKI who stood up to that bulldozer and said:

"Stop. If you are going to destroy these people's place of business you are going to have to help them establish another place in which to earn their livelihood."

In typical fashion, he got the job done, for as you know, we have displaced business loans now within the Small Business Administration.

To say he will be missed is an understatement. He was a man of great compassion and concern. From my vantage point, I saw it directed toward America's small businessmen and businesswomen. They have lost a great friend—and so has this Congress. At this time I express my deepest sympathy to the Kluczynski family.

Mr. CARNEY. Mr. Speaker, it is with high personal regard for a good friend and colleague that I join today in praising the name and

accomplishments of the Honorable JOHN C. KLUCZYNSKI of the Fifth District of Illinois, who passed away on January 26, 1975.

JOHN KLUCZYNSKI was a man of many achievements. He was a veteran of the First World War, in which he served with distinction. He was a man of consequence in the Chicago catering trade, preceding his entrance into politics. In congressional matters, he was a friend and supporter of liberal reform on the domestic front, and a strong national defense in our dealings with foreign nations. While seeking answers to our national concerns, he was, of course, ever watchful of the interests of the city of Chicago—and with results highly beneficial to the people of his congressional district.

As third-ranking majority member of the Committee on Public Works and chairman of the Subcommittee on Roads, he had greater influence than almost anyone in Congress over the nature of our transportation systems, which thrived under his authority. In the recent struggle between ecologists and roadbuilders before his subcommittee, Chairman KLUCZYNSKI was eminently fair in his handling of the proceedings.

Indeed, fairness was one of Congressman KLUCZYNSKI's outstanding characteristics, to the distinct advantage of the Congress and the legislation in which he played a vital part. In all his dealings with his colleagues, one thing was certain: JOHN KLUCZYNSKI was a man of his word.

He was also a friend of the workingman, and in every instance a friend of the labor movement. As a Franklin D. Roosevelt and Harry Truman Democrat, he was a leading supporter of social security, which he sought repeatedly to raise to levels worthy of our national traditions.

In his capacity as chairman of the Committee on the House Restaurant, JOHN KLUCZYNSKI was again the master caterer—as anyone knows who is familiar with his work in that regard.

Representative KLUCZYNSKI was an accomplished, talented, honest, and sincere man, in the best traditions of American politics. As a Member of Congress for almost a quarter of a century, his advice and counsel were constantly in demand on both sides of the aisle. He will be sorely missed.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my high regard for the memory of this honorable man, and to extend my deepest sympathy to his family.

Mr. ROONEY. Mr. Speaker, I wish to join with my colleague from Illinois, Mr. Dan Rostenkowski, as we pay tribute to the memory of our dear friend, the Honorable JOHN KLUCZYNSKI. He has been a valued Member of Congress for 24 years who has a long record of services to his country and the people of Illinois. His own public service began nearly 43 years ago in 1932 when he was elected to the Illinois State Legislature.

As a Member of Congress since 1950 he distinguished himself in the field of interstate transportation and provided an invaluable service to the Nation with his knowledge in this area. He was instrumental in formulating landmark legislation which created our Interstate Highway System while serving as chairman of the Transportation Subcommittee of the House Committee on Public Works.

He also was chairman of the Subcommittee on Metropolitan and Rural Areas of the House Small Business Committee and was able to understand and appreciate the problems of our small communities while representing one of our largest cities, Chicago, in the Congress. One has only to look over his many accomplishments as a Congressman to recognize that he was a strong and great legislator. We valued his friendship and dedication and his passing leaves an emptiness in our hearts.

I feel a particular sorrow each day as I pass his office, which was located across from my own on the third floor of the Rayburn Building.

Mrs. Rooney and I extend our personal sympathies to Mrs. Kluczynski and the entire family.

Mrs. BURKE of California. Mr. Speaker, I will greatly miss JOHN KLUCZYNSKI and will always remember his many kindnesses to me during my first term in the House of Representatives. As a member of his Transportation Subcommittee of the Public Works Committee, I had the all too rare opportunity, as a freshman Congressperson, to fully represent the needs of my district. With an enormous amount of good humor and charm, Chairman KLUCZYNSKI saw to it that all the members of his subcommittee participated fully in the subcommittee's business without regard to seniority.

I most sincerely regret he will never know how much his friendly smile and occasional pat on the back meant to me during my first 2 years of service in the House.

Mr. ROSTENKOWSKI. Mr. Speaker, I am sure that many of his colleagues on the Committee on Public Works, the committee that he loved and fought so hard for—and the gentleman from Massachusetts, Mr. O'Neill, who was his pal—will always remember that when KLU had a bill and would stand at this microphone, there was no way that he could be defeated in his district, because he was loved so well.

His concluding remarks would be, "If you want JOHNNY KLU back, you have got to help me pass this bill," and he would saunter up the aisle.

Mr. Speaker, I know that JOHNNY KLU's having been here has made this a better place.

Mr. NIX. Mr. Speaker, I know that all of us were saddened to learn of the recent death of our long-time colleague, JOHN KLUCZYNSKI of Illinois. He was without a doubt one of the most popular and most respected Members of this House for many years.

JOHN KLUCZYNSKI served in Congress for more than 24 years, and his reputation and his circle of friends grew with each passing year. His patience and good humor and thoughtful approach to problems smoothed over many a rough spot in the legislative process. His kindness and consideration for his colleagues made all of us happier to have the opportunity to serve with him.

JOHN KLUCZYNSKI was a true man of the people. Until his death he lived among and served the people he had grown up with in his district in Chicago. His family maintained deep ties in his neighborhood and operated a restaurant there for many years. His constituents knew that JOHN was at their service, and he never let them down. Their faith in him led them to send him to Congress 13 times, after he had served them for many years in the State legislature.

All of us here know the great contributions JOHN made to the work of the Congress. A small businessman himself, he served with distinction on the Small Business Committee. He was a senior and influential member of the Public Works Committee, and as chairman of its Subcommittee on Transportation led the way to improving our Nation's highways and mass transit. He was a diligent and dedicated legislator and served the interests of his district and his country with great distinction.

Aside from all of his contributions to the Nation, those of us who knew JOHN will remember him first and foremost as a wonderful and decent man.

It was a privilege to know him and to work with him. It was an even greater privilege to count him as a friend. His warmth, his humor, and his commonsense and compassion will not easily be replaced. We shall all miss him.

Mr. GIAIMO. Mr. Speaker, it is with personal sadness that I rise today to pay my respects to our late colleague, Congressman JOHN C. KLUCZYNSKI of Illinois.

"JOHNNY KLU" was first elected to the 82d Congress on November 7, 1950, and was reelected to each succeeding Congress. He ably served his constituents in the House of Representatives for nearly a quarter of a century. I was privileged to have him as a friend during many of these years and equally proud to be numbered among his scores of friends.

"KLU" was a thoughtful and fine person, a man who loved this country and its people and tried to help all of them. He was a skilled legislator, a soldier, a businessman, a public servant, and a man of decency and good will. He served his Nation well during varied and difficult times. He worked with purpose, with determination, and with an expert competence that only comes through experience and dedication.

It is these qualities which will be sorely missed by this Chamber, by his constituents, and by the Nation he served so well. JOHN KLUCZYNSKI is now laid to rest in the arms of the Illinois land he loved so well and we are lessened by his departure.

Mr. BURKE of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, it was with a deep sense of sadness that I learned of the passing of JOHN KLUCZYNSKI. There was sadness in my life because I knew that he would never be there again to brighten it with his lively humor. I knew that I would miss him. But my gloom began to brighten when I realized that I, my colleagues and countless others, had been graced with his special style through the years, and that while we should be sad that he is gone we should also be quite happy that he lived. The world would have been a much duller place if KLU had never lived, and the only reason it will not be duller in the future now is that we will always have our memories of him.

JOHN's whole life was spent as a resident of Chicago's southwest side. His neighbors and the rest of Chicago were his first love and concern, as well they should be, but that did not restrict his vision. In many ways his constituency covered the whole country. As a member of the Public Works Committee and the chairman of that committee's Subcommittee on Transportation he dealt with legislation that concerned the whole country, and he handled it in an admirable fashion. Nothing was left to chance, every possible route was explored for the best way to serve the Nation.

I did not have the opportunity to work that closely with KLU because of our different committee assignments. But I was able to view his work on the Public Works Committee and the Transportation Subcommittee with great delight. I could see that, when legislation was recommended to the House, by his committee, his hand had taken an integral part in its formation. He was a fine legislator and rightfully proud of his ability to draft legislation that would pass on the House floor.

At this time I would like to offer my condolences to Mrs. Kluczynski, and the rest of the Kluczynski family, as I know that this is a most trying time for them and they miss him a great deal. I would also like to express my sympathy to the citizens of Chicago and of the United States, because all of us have lost a good friend, a fine legislator, and a great man.

Mr. MONTGOMERY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to join my colleague today in paying respect to JOHN KLUCZYNSKI and expressing my feeling of loss over his passing. For some 24 years, JOHNNY KLU walked the Halls of Congress in the proudest tradition of the Nation. He was truly an inspiration to all who came in contact with him.

We have heard many today mention the fact that JOHNNY KLU was the father of the Nation's Interstate Highway System. This is, of course, true and is a tribute to his long range vision of the transportation needs of America. Speaking from my own personal experience, I can say without hesitation that the people of Mississippi are grateful to JOHN KLUCZYNSKI for the part he played in improving our State's transportation network and contributing to Mississippi's economic growth.

Mr. Speaker, many, including myself, have referred to our departed colleague as JOHNNY KLU in our eulogies to him. However, I really knew him as "the colonel." It was a term of friendship and respect for a truly dedicated and conscientious colleague whom I shall always remember fondly. I will miss the colonel's guiding hand and freely given sage advice, but more than that I will miss a very warm person whose perpetual smile helped brighten my day.

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness mixed with great pride at his accomplishment that I join my colleagues in the House of Representatives in commemorating the death and paying tribute to our colleague, JOHN KLUCZYNSKI. His death takes from us a very devoted public servant who was most diligent in the discharge of his congressional responsibilities.

JOHN KLUCZYNSKI began his 24 years of service in this House in 1950 after a long and distinguished career spanning almost 20 years in the Illinois Legislature. His rich and varied experience and background in State government had prepared him well for his role in Congress and his legislative accomplishments are a credit to those who elected him. Congressman KLUCZYNSKI's dedicated service was reflected in his accomplishments as a member of the Committee on Public Works and the Permanent Select Committee on Small Business. He had a realistic appreciation of the importance of the works of these committees and devoted all his substantial ability and integrity to excellence in committee service.

In all his endeavors JOHN KLUCZYNSKI was deeply involved in the task of bettering the lives of the people in his district and all of the American people. He leaves rich memories for those of us who were privileged to share with him the responsibilities of congressional service.

Mr. FORD of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues in mourning the recent death of our late friend and fellow Member, Congressman JOHN C. KLUCZYNSKI. He was a man known and loved by every Member of this House.

During my early years as a Member, JOHN was helpful to me on many occasions, and I know all of my colleagues here today share with me the memory of his never-failing good humor and patience.

JOHN came from humble beginnings, but during his lifetime he accomplished enough to match any king or emperor. He served

18 years in the Illinois State Legislature, and then 24 years in the Congress. As chairman of the Subcommittee on Transportation, he took a personal interest in the Nation's Interstate Highway System, and those many miles of roadways constitute a permanent monument to his dedicated efforts.

JOHN represented his constituents with dignity, integrity, and effectiveness. His death is a great loss to them, to the Nation, and to his host of friends here in the House.

Mr. SISK. Mr. Speaker, I would like to join with my colleagues who have previously paid tribute to our longtime friend JOHN KLUCZYNSKI of Chicago, Ill.

During my over 20 years in the House I came to know "BIG KLU" quite well and watched with admiration as he finished, here in Congress, more than four decades of dedicated public service in the Illinois State Legislature and the U.S. House of Representatives.

He was well rounded in government in general and was a hard-working member of the Public Works and Small Business Committees.

As chairman of our Restaurant Committee he labored valiantly during his last years to improve the quality of the food and service in our ever-busy dining rooms.

JOHN had many friends on both sides of the House aisle and served well through times of intense national problems and through many changes in our style of government.

We shall miss him greatly in the remainder of this 94th—and future Congresses.

Mr. VANIK. Mr. Speaker, I would like to join my colleagues who recently paid tribute to a dear friend and colleague of mine, JOHN KLUCZYNSKI. Like my colleagues, I was saddened to learn of his passing a few short weeks ago.

For over 20 years, I had the pleasure of serving with JOHN in this body. I knew him to be a capable, dedicated, and loyal public servant. Perhaps his most significant achievements in Congress came during his chairmanship of the Subcommittee on Transportation of the House Public Works Committee. Our unparalleled system of interstate highways—the backbone of our national transportation system—will serve as a permanent legacy of JOHN's foresight and good work.

Mr. Speaker, this body will sorely miss Congressman JOHN KLUCZYNSKI. A man of his caliber who did so much to build the economic strength of this country and improve the general welfare of our people is not easily replaced.

Mr. ICHORD. Mr. Speaker, I wish to take this opportunity to join with the many other Members of this body who have paid tribute to JOHN C. KLUCZYNSKI, a rare friend and an outstanding legislator. Since 1932, JOHNNY KLU served this Nation and his own State of Illinois in a manner which only won him respect and admiration. During the past 24 years while this body was enriched by his leadership and wise counsel, JOHN guided the development of the Interstate Highway System and initiated other great public works projects which have made this Nation a better place to live. Although JOHN reached the heights of power and effectiveness in the House, he was never one to abuse that power. He was a careful, wise, and understanding legislator who in his own words, "never introduced a bill I did not know would pass." JOHNNY KLU was a man of vision, a natural leader, and a perpetual light of optimism in the midst of the gloom of national problems. Perhaps due to his indomitable good humor and his unfailingly and wisely realistic view of life, JOHN was never a man who lost perspective either on himself or his Nation. He always knew where he was going and where he had been. JOHNNY KLU was a man of rare and wonderful qualities, and his passing will leave a void in this body which no other will ever be able to fill. I will sorely miss him.

Mr. METCALFE. Mr. Speaker, I take this time to pay tribute to a fellow Chicagoan and a great American, JOHN C. KLUCZYNSKI. I was deeply saddened when JOHN passed away. Here was a man who had devoted much of his life to serving the people of Chicago and of the Nation. His distinguished career as a public servant is unequaled in Chicago's history. For 18 years, JOHN KLUCZYNSKI served the people of the Southwest Side of Chicago in the Illinois State Legislature. From the Illinois State Legislature, JOHN came to the U.S. House of Representatives where he worked hard for 24 years representing not only his constituents, but also working in the best interests of all Americans. For 10 of these 24 years, JOHN was chairman of the powerful House Subcommittee on Transportation of the Committee on Public Works. While chairman of that subcommittee,

he presided over the ambitious highway construction program that produced one of the most extensive highway systems in the world, a highway system that has in some way benefited every American.

I am very honored to be able to say that JOHN KLUCZYNSKI was a close and highly respected colleague of mine, both here in the House of Representatives and in Chicago. I am even more honored to be able to say that JOHN was a close personal friend. I have known JOHN for many years and have worked with him often. He was a man who had my deepest respect. Chicago and the Nation have lost a great public servant and a great friend. However, JOHN KLUCZYNSKI's memory and many achievements will stay with all of us as guides in our attempts to build a better, stronger Nation.

Mr. HAYS of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, Congressman JOHN C. KLUCZYNSKI from the Fifth District of Illinois began his service in the U.S. Congress on January 3, 1951. Having been elected to Congress 2 years before, I have served in Congress all these years with him and know him well. It is now with sadness that I wish to honor him as a man for whom I had much respect and a friend I shall miss.

KLU, as we all knew him, may be remembered by many as the man who always ended his main courses at dinner with the request "Give me something fattening." Perhaps that symbolized his delight in living and enjoying life, and I think he taught others a bit about enjoying life also.

At the same time he was serious—serious about his family, about his membership in the U.S. Congress, and about his friends. His contributions to the Congress were important and numerous. And I know I speak for all his friends in the Congress when I say he will be genuinely missed. It was a pleasure to know him.

Proceedings in the Senate

MONDAY, *January 27, 1975.*

Mr. PERCY. Mr. President, I ask the Chair to lay before the Senate a message from the House on H. Res. 97.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will read the message from the House.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

Resolved, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of the Honorable JOHN C. KLUCZYNSKI, a Representative from the State of Illinois.

Resolved, That a committee of 65 Members of the House, with such Members of the Senate as may be joined, be appointed to attend the funeral.

Resolved, That the Sergeant at Arms of the House be authorized and directed to take such steps as may be necessary for carrying out the provisions of these resolutions and that the necessary expenses in connection therewith be paid out of the contingent fund of the House.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect, the House do now adjourn.

Mr. PERCY. Mr. President, I have sent to the desk a resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will state the resolution.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

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Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow the announcement of the death of the Honorable JOHN C. KLUCZYNSKI, late a Representative from the State of Illinois.

Resolved, That a committee of two Senators be appointed by the Presiding Officer to join the committee appointed on the part of the House of Representatives to attend the funeral of the deceased Representative.

Resolved, That the Secretary communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit an enrolled copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased Representative.

The resolution was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair appoints the Senators from Illinois (Mr. Percy and Mr. Stevenson) as members of the committee required by the resolution.

Mr. PERCY. Mr. President, with a strong sense of personal sorrow, I offer this resolution on behalf of myself and my distinguished colleague, Senator Stevenson. We deeply regret the passing of our esteemed colleague, whose service to his country, his State, and to his community have been a matter of record for so many years. I yield to my distinguished colleague.

Mr. STEVENSON. Mr. President, I was much saddened to hear of Congressman JOHN KLUCZYNSKI's death earlier today. He has been a valued Member of the Congress of the United States and a good friend.

I join with my distinguished colleague, Senator Percy, in offering this resolution and our condolences to all members of the Kluczynski family.

Mr. President, earlier today, Representative JOHN C. KLUCZYNSKI, the dean of Chicago's congressional delegation, died. His passing is a great loss for the people of Illinois' Fifth Congressional District, the citizens of Chicago, of Illinois, and the Nation.

Congressman KLUCZYNSKI first entered the public service in an elective capacity in 1932 when he was elected to the Illinois House of Representatives. He served in that body for 16 years until 1948, when he ran successfully for the State senate. He resigned the State senate just over a year later, in December 1949, to become a candidate for the U.S. Congress. He was elected to Congress in November of 1950, and he has been in Washington serving the people of his district ever since.

Congressman KLUCZYNSKI was a Polish-American of great distinction. He cut a colorful figure in local, State, and National poli-

tics, but his work was the hard work of fostering the public interest. In the Congress he served on the House Public Works Committee and in recent years as chairman of the committee's Transportation Subcommittee. Congressman KLUCZYNSKI played a large and active role in the formation of our Nation's transportation policy, and particularly in the building of our great Interstate Highway System.

Congressman KLUCZYNSKI is to be buried Thursday in Chicago. My sympathies, and I am sure those of every Senator, go out to his widow Estelle and the entire family. We shall all mourn the loss of Congressman JOHN KLUCZYNSKI.

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